



THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER.

JAMES KNEPMAN LONDON W.C.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR THE CARE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OF
IDIOTIC, IMBECILE, AND WEAK-MINDED
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS,

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

‘God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind :
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.

‘ Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o’erlooked ? shall Charity pass by,
Leave them to perish with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !’

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DECEMBER, 1891.

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On Mondays and Thursdays only, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A Donation of Five Guineas entitles a Subscriber to one Vote for Life, in the election of patients, and an Annual Subscription of a Guinea to two Annual Votes. Votes increase in the same proportion for higher sums.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE TREASURER, for the time being, of THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES, situate at Lancaster, the sum of _____ to be applied to the purposes of that Institution, such Legacy to be paid, in precedence of the other pecuniary Legacies hereby bequeathed, out of such part of my Personal Estate, not specifically bequeathed, as the law permits to be appropriated by Will to charitable purposes.

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P R O S P E C T U S.



THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of Idiots and Imbeciles of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Idiots and Imbeciles in England and Wales, returned at the Census of 1881 was 32,717. Of these, 8,764 belong to the Seven Counties, 2,422 being between Five years of age and Twenty. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of idiocy or imbecility are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Idiocy being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Idiots require a distinctive treatment in separate Institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Idiots with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: "It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous." Again, in their Report for 1874, the Commissioners state: "We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane." Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—"We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile, at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory."

That much may be done to render the poor Idiot's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the largest Idiot Asylum in this country, calculates that of the cases admitted into that Institution, "10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably

improved in their habits, and become greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard, in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved. The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than 40 per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 105 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 600 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients, and is under the immediate direction of a Medical Superintendent. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two classes of Patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without Election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the General Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly, by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Life Votes for the amount thus raised, at the rate of One Vote for every Five Guineas.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees, and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees, constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 589 patients now in the Asylum, 270 belong to Lancashire, 165 to Yorkshire, 54 to Cheshire, 51 to Durham, 20 to Northumberland, 18 to Cumberland, 7 to Westmorland. Four full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

Testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Idiot and Imbecile from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. Owing to inadequacy of income the accommodation provided is not yet fully utilised, although the Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the General Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

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December, 1891.

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The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of Idiots and Imbeciles, the Central Committee have purchased a Detached House with extensive private grounds, in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, as a Home for special Private Patients attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE combines, for Private Patients paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational, and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR

IDIOTS AND IMBECILES OF THE NORTHERN COUNTIES,

LANCASTER.

INSTITUTED DECEMBER 21, 1864.

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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT LEEDS.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, LEEDS, on Friday, December 11th, 1891 ;

SIR ANDREW FAIRBAIRN, KNT.,

(Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee),

IN THE CHAIR.

The Proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Rev. Canon Wood, Headingley, Leeds, the Report of the Central Committee was presented by the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), and the Chairman addressed the Meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and, whilst cordially congratulating the Subscribers upon the satisfactory progress of the Royal Albert Asylum, both as regards its financial condition and the continued success of its benevolent work, this Meeting earnestly commends the Institution to the generous support of Yorkshire and the other Northern Counties, for the benefit of whose afflicted Imbecile Children it has been established.

Moved by Edward Lawrence, Esq., of Liverpool, (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) ; seconded by the Rev. Eustace Conder, D.D., Leeds.

- 2.—That this Meeting, gratefully recognising the valuable assistance rendered to the Royal Albert Asylum by the zealous labours of the Committees and Members of the Ladies' Associations, trusts that the excellent example which they afford may stimulate the friends of the Institution in other districts to co-operate with the Central Committee in the formation of additional Ladies' Associations.

Moved by Sir Thomas Storey, Lancaster, (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee) ; seconded by Charles France, Esq., Bradford.

- 3.—That this Meeting heartily thanks the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee for their past services ; and, in compliance with Rule 24, hereby appoints the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert and the following Gentlemen to be Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :—

SIR THOMAS STOREY.	HENRY GARNETT, ESQ.	COLONEL MARTON.
REV. C. T. ROYDS, M.A.	ALBERT GREG, ESQ.	GEO. W. MAXSTED, ESQ.
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EDWARD B. DAWSON, ESQ.	F.R.C.S.	ABRAM SEWARD, ESQ.

Moved by the High Sheriff of Westmorland (T. A. Argles, Esq.) ; seconded by B. S. Brigg, Esq., Keighley.

- 4.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Leeds Local Committee ; and that the following Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) be invited to co-operate with the Central Committee for the promotion of the objects of the Royal Albert Asylum in the important district of Leeds :—

SIR ANDREW FAIRBAIRN, KNT., *Chairman*.
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 CHARLES RYDER, ESQ.
 C. F. TETLEY, ESQ. } *Hon. Secs.*
 J. CECIL ATKINSON, ESQ. }

Moved by Colonel Harding, Leeds ; seconded by Mr. Isaac Earnshaw, Leeds.

- 5.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, Charles Blades, Esq., and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. William G. Welch, for their Audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, and for their examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account ; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints for the ensuing year Albert Greg, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. Wm. G. Welch as Professional Auditor.

Moved by E. B. Dawson, Esq., Lancaster ; seconded by the Rev. N. Egerton Leigh, Kirkstall, Leeds.

- 6.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Carlisle, on Wednesday, September 28th, 1892 ; and that notice thereof be given in the Carlisle, Kendal, Durham, Newcastle, York, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Halifax, Huddersfield, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester, and Lancaster newspapers.

Moved by the Rev. Canon Wood, Leeds ; seconded by C. F. Tetley, Esq., Leeds.

- 7.—A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by Albert Greg, Esq., Lancaster ; seconded by R. Reynolds, Esq., Leeds.

Previous to the Meeting, Sir Andrew Fairbairn, (Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee), entertained at Luncheon the members of the Central Committee and other Friends.

REPORT

*Presented at the General Annual Meeting,
At Leeds, December 11th, 1891.*

IN presenting their Twenty-Seventh Annual Report, the Central Committee have much pleasure in congratulating the Subscribers upon the sound financial position of the Royal Albert Asylum, and the steady progress of the work in its various departments.

At the end of the last Report, the Right Hon. Lord Winmarleigh's resignation of the Chairmanship of the Central Committee was regretfully announced. Lord Winmarleigh, although he has attained to a great age, continues to take a cordial interest in the welfare of the Institution, and has given substantial proof of his desire for its future development and prosperity. The Central Committee consider that they have been most fortunate in securing, as a successor to Lord Winmarleigh, so true and constant a friend to the Royal Albert Asylum as the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, whose manifold public engagements have not prevented him from undertaking, at their earnest request, this additional burden and responsibility. Mr. Hibbert has been associated with the Institution, in one capacity or another, ever since its commencement, and the Subscribers may confidently rely upon his able and assiduous oversight of its affairs.

Chairmanship
of the
Central
Committee,

Leeds support.

The Committee would remind Subscribers of former visits to Leeds. At the very beginning of the undertaking for establishing a Northern Counties' Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles, Leeds gave the benevolent enterprise its cordial support. In January, 1873, a public meeting was held in Leeds, under the presidency of the late Archbishop of York (Dr. Thomson), who eloquently pleaded the cause of the Royal Albert Asylum; and in November, 1881, Earl Fitzwilliam, Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding, presided at the General Annual Meeting. Among the earliest and most generous subscribers to the Institution were the first Honorary Local Secretaries, the late Mr. Arthur Lupton and Mr. F. W. Tetley. It is hoped that the present visit may materially conduce to the increased prosperity of the Institution, and to the extension of its benefits to many afflicted homes.

General Annual
Meeting
at Sheffield.

The last General Annual Meeting was held at Sheffield, when Sir Frederick T. Mappin, Chairman of the Local Committee, presided, and earnestly appealed for additional support. Among the members of the Central Committee who attended were:—The Right Hon. John T. Hibbert (Chairman); Mr. E. Lawrence and Sir A. Fairbairn (Vice-Chairmen); the Rev. C. T. Royds (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee), Mr. C. Johnson, F.R.C.S., Mr. A. Seward, Lancaster; Mr. Alderman C. Brown, Chester; Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, Carlisle; Mr. C. France, Bradford; Mr. B. S. Brigg, Keighley.

Speech
of
Sir F.T.Mappin,
Bart., M.P.

In the course of his introductory remarks, the Chairman said:—

“Yorkshire had a large number of patients in the Asylum, but it was behind other counties in annual subscriptions to the extent of some £756. He did not think that Yorkshire could rest satisfied with that. He had the honour, in February last, to accompany a deputation to the Lord President of the Council for the purpose of placing before his Lordship the claims of the Royal Albert Asylum and similar institutions, and to see if a capitation grant towards the maintenance of patients could not be obtained. The Lord President was unable to give the deputation any assistance; they had, however, his entire sympathy. A Bill was brought into Parliament for the relief of the blind and deaf and dumb; and that Bill might have had a clause introduced into it that would enable the Government to assist institutions of that kind. Unfortunately that Bill, along with many others, was dropped on account of want of time and opportunity at the close of the

session ; but still he trusted that the Lord President of the Council and his colleagues in the Government would, before the measure was re-introduced in Parliament, insert in it some clause that would enable these institutions to be recognised and assisted by the State as they deserved. (Hear, hear.) He was glad to note that County Councils and Boards of Guardians were taking up the consideration of the subject of idiot maintenance and training. In Lancashire the County Council, under the wise and benevolent influence of his right honourable friend Mr. Hibbert—(applause)—had been especially active in the matter. He had no doubt that some measure would be passed by Parliament before long that would tide over the difficulties which confronted the friends of such institutions as this. There was evidently in the near future a large outlay to be incurred in the Royal Albert Asylum in order to cope with even the ordinary requirements of the place. They must not lose sight of the fact that the building was very nearly filled with 580 inmates. Now, at the last census in 1881, there were in the seven northern counties 8,764 persons returned as idiots and imbeciles, of whom 2,422 were between the ages of five years and twenty years. If they considered that well, they must feel that an important duty devolved upon them, and if they neglected it, they would regret that they had not done what they could to assist those families which were in the unfortunate position of having an idiot child amongst them.”

The importance of making a more satisfactory provision for the care and training of Imbeciles was strongly urged by the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, Chairman of the Central Committee, and by Mr. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman, extracts from whose speeches are appended to this Report. Other Speeches.

Many additional Donations and Annual Subscriptions were obtained through the kind exertions of the Chairman, but the Central Committee have not yet been able to secure the co-operation of their lady friends in the district for the formation of a Sheffield Ladies' Association. They trust, however, yet to receive their assistance in this direction. Contributions
from
Sheffield.

The inconvenience of holding the Election of Patients in the late autumn or winter, and in connection with the General Annual Meeting, has frequently been under the consideration of the Central Committee. New patients have suffered much from long, tedious journeys in inclement weather, and have been depressed from the necessary isolation at the Asylum on admission during the short and dull days of the year. It must be remembered that very few imbeciles possess robust constitutions, while many of them are extremely susceptible to lung and bronchial affections. The Central Committee could not but approve, therefore, of an alteration strongly recommended by both the Medical Superintendent and the Secretary ; and it has been decided to hold the Elections in the Spring of each year, and as near Alteration
of the
date of
Elections.

Easter as can be arranged with due regard to the public engagements of the district in which the Elections are to take place. Some little disappointment may have been caused to a few Subscribers who were not aware of the reasons for the omission last autumn of the usual Election of Patients; but, in future, no practical inconvenience can arise from the alteration. As an illustration of the delicate health of many of the patients, it may be mentioned that of the successful candidates at the last election three died before they could be admitted, and two of the unsuccessful candidates also died after their names had been placed on the voting list.

Election
at
Kendal.

An Election of Seventy Patients took place at Kendal, on the 3rd of April, under the presidency of the High Sheriff of Westmorland (T. A. Argles, Esq.). There were 128 candidates for admission, viz., Lancashire, 40 candidates for 31 vacancies; Yorkshire, 50 candidates for 20 vacancies; Cheshire, 14 candidates for 6 vacancies; Westmorland, 2 candidates for 1 vacancy; Cumberland, 3 candidates for 2 vacancies; Durham, 11 candidates for 8 vacancies; Northumberland, 8 candidates for 2 vacancies. In the afternoon there was a large and influential gathering, at which the Lord Bishop of Carlisle presided, when the principal business was the formation of a Westmorland Ladies' Association, with the Countess of Bective as President. His Lordship has often most ably and eloquently pleaded the cause of the Royal Albert Asylum and of the Imbecile generally, but never more earnestly and effectively than on this occasion. A long extract from the speech will be found appended to this Report.

Westmorland
Ladies'
Association.

The objects and organisation of the Institution were fully explained by the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, and the following resolution, which was moved by the Hon. W. Lowther, M.P., and seconded by Mr. Edward S. Heywood, of Manchester, was unanimously passed :—

That, in view of the success which has attended the earnest labours of the existing Ladies' Associations in aid of the Royal Albert Asylum, this meeting gratefully recognises the important services of the Countess of Bective in promoting the formation of a Westmorland Ladies' Association, and hereby invites the following ladies (with power to add to their number) to be the Officers and Committee of that Association :—President, the Countess of Bective; treasurer, Mr. Jacob Wakefield; hon. secretary, Miss Wakefield. Ladies who have promised to support and who will become either vice-presidents or

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The Westmorland Ladies' Association has, under the energetic and influential direction of its President, the Countess of Bective, and its Honorary Secretary, Miss Wakefield, been most successful in its operations, but owing to the financial year of the Institution ending on the 30th of June, most of the contributions which it has collected must stand to the credit of the ensuing year.

The number of patients in the Asylum at the present date is 589, of whom 401 are boys and 188 girls. At the date of the last Report there were 580, viz., 389 boys and 191 girls. The average number resident during the year has been 551; and there have been 98 admissions, 68 discharges, and 21 deaths. Of the 589 present inmates 327 are election patients, 221 reduced-payment cases, 16 full-payment cases, 15 associated and private cases, 7 life-interest cases, and 3 presentation cases.

Number and
Classification of
Patients.

The classification of these patients, according to the Counties from which they have been received, is as follows:—

LANCASHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	270
YORKSHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	165
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	51
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
WESTMORLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	7
OTHER COUNTIES	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

589

It is gratifying to be able to report that the income of the Institution has been well maintained. The total amount

Financial
condition.

received from all sources during the year has been £24,203 os. 1d., being £20,296 10s. 1d. for Maintenance Account, and £3,906 10s. 0d. for the Sustentation Fund. The largest item of income in the Maintenance Account is "payment for patients," which amounts to £10,096 9s. 11d. Last year it was £9,514 14s. 8d. Among these receipts should again be mentioned the contributions from the friends of election cases, which have this year realised £874 12s. 0d.; viz., from Lancashire, £369 3s. 0d.; Yorkshire, £309 14s. 6d., Cheshire, £89 11s. 0d.; Durham, £40 1s. 0d.; Cumberland, £33 16s. 0d.; Northumberland, £17 12s. 0d.; Westmorland, £14 14s. 6d. Such contributions are not only a valuable source of income, but help to maintain the independence of families whose afflicted children are inmates of the Asylum. The payments also lead to frequent and regular inquiries after the welfare of the children. The Annual Subscriptions are almost stationary in amount, realising this year £4,530 6s. 7d., and last year £4,507 17s. 1d. To collect the subscriptions over so wide an area as the Seven Associated Counties is a work of much difficulty and expense, and the Central Committee would respectfully urge annual subscribers to be good enough to make early payment of their contributions, which would materially lessen the expense of collecting. This source of income is not commensurate with the wealth and philanthropy of the extensive district which the Asylum aims to benefit; and again the Committee earnestly appeal for its augmentation. It is liable to continual diminution from deaths, removals, depression of trade, altered circumstances, and various other causes, and the utmost vigilance is required to maintain it even at its present level; to make any advance many new subscriptions are necessary. The steady growth of the Sustentation Fund is very gratifying. The sum of £3,906 10s. has been received this year, as compared with £2,600 last year. Such an item as that of Legacies fluctuates considerably from year to year, but the Committee are profoundly grateful for the actual amount thus received. A large portion of the revenue is derived from the investment of Legacies, and the Committee anticipate the possibility of an extension of the work of the Asylum by means of the same source of income.

Contributions
towards the
Maintenance
of Election
Patients.

Annual
Subscriptions

Sustentation
Fund.

The state of the Maintenance Fund has enabled the Committee this year to transfer from that account the sum of £1,100 to the Estate and Buildings Improvement Account with a view to promote the extinction of its debt. It is unadvisable that the regular operations of the Institution should be impeded by charging against the Maintenance Fund the cost of considerable structural alterations and additions, and the Committee would therefore be glad to see the balance of the debt cleared off at an early date.

Estate and
Buildings
Improvement
Account.

As the Asylum is practically an institution for the benefit of each of the Seven Associated Counties, it is interesting to show what those counties contribute to the Maintenance and Sustentation Funds, and the following table supplies that information:—

Contributions
from the
Seven Counties.

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.			SUSTENTATION FUND ACCOUNT.		TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions	Donations.	Legacies.	Legacies.	Donations.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LANCASHIRE	1570 2 0	164 17 11	84 7 7	2040 0 0	500 0 0	4359 7 6
YORKSHIRE	1486 2 3	327 13 10	.....	1000 0 0	.....	2813 16 1
CHESHIRE	540 0 9	49 4 1	.....	.....	.....	589 4 10
WESTMORLAND.....	102 19 6	39 5 0	.....	100 0 0	.....	242 4 6
CUMBERLAND	332 10 7	18 6 7	18 0 0	.....	.....	368 17 2
DURHAM	436 4 0	1 1 0	.....	.....	.....	437 5 0
NORTHUMBERLAND	62 7 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	62 7 6
	4530 6 7	600 8 5	102 7 7	3140 0 0	500 0 0	8873 2 7

In comparing this table with the corresponding table in the last Report, it will be seen that while the Annual Subscriptions are £22 9s. 6d. in excess of last year, the donations to the Maintenance Fund have fallen from £1,249 11s. 4d. to £600 8s. 5d. Lancashire has contributed this year in such donations £164 17s. 11d., instead of £690 3s. 8d; and Yorkshire £327 13s. 10d., instead of £461 5s. 5d. With the exception of Westmorland, the other counties have also given less in this form. The Committee would again remind contributors that Donations are a very important item in the year's income, and that if the operations of the Institution are to be efficiently maintained and extended, they must be increased rather than diminished. Last year Lancashire contributed £1,592 3s. 0d. in Annual Subscriptions, and this year £1,570 2s. 0d.; Yorkshire, last year, £1,466 6s. 2d.;

this year, £1,486 2s. 3d. The Legacies last year amounted to £2,255 5s. od., and were all from Lancashire ; this year the total of £3,242 7s. 7d. has been thus received—Lancashire, £2,124 7s. 7d.; Yorkshire, £1,000; Westmorland, £100; Cumberland, £18. Taking the Maintenance and Sustentation Funds together, it will be seen that the gross total of the contributions is £8,873 2s. 7d., while last year it was £8,412 13s. 5d.

Legacies.

The following are the Legacies which have been received during the financial year :—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Ormrod, Wyresdale Park, Garstang...	1000	0	0
Andrew Pickard, Ossett	1000	0	0
John Manchester, Preston.....	616	10	0
John Greenhalgh, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea ...	500	0	0
Miss Jane Clarke, Lancaster.....	100	0	0
Mrs. Eastham, Kirkby Lonsdale.....	100	0	0
Thomas Lancaster, Preston	90	0	0
Miss Mary Ann Swarbrick, Bolton-le-Moors	50	0	0
Martha Farnworth, Boothstown, Manchester	23	17	7
Mrs. Ann Fearon, Cockermouth	18	0	0
Gilfrid Lewthwaite, Stott Park, Ulverston...	10	10	0

Other Legacies have been notified, but not having been received before June 30th, they are not included in this list. The Committee would again remind intending benefactors of the importance of an accurate description of the Asylum according to the form of bequest prefixed to the Report.

Investments.

During the year the following Investments have been made: £1,740 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway 4 per cent. Preference Stock; £60 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway 4 per cent. Debenture Stock; and £1,500 Victorian Government 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock.

Audit.

The Balance Sheets supply a full and accurate statement of Income and Expenditure. Together with the Books of Account and Vouchers, they have been submitted to a careful and complete examination by the Professional Auditor, Mr. W. G. Welch, who has been assisted by the Honorary Auditor, Mr. Alderman Blades.

The need for additional cottage accommodation for non-resident workpeople has been frequently pressed upon the attention of the Committee. The desirability of having as many members of the staff as possible resident on the Asylum estate was strongly urged by the late Dr. de Vitré, who at an expense of £2,373. erected eight substantial and convenient cottages, and presented them to the Institution. There being other workpeople whose near residence was of great importance, in case of fire or accident or on account of the nature of their employment, the Committee eventually determined to build another row of six cottages. The cost, which was defrayed from the Sustentation Fund, was £1,828 gs. od., and tenants, willing to pay the moderate rent charged, were quickly forthcoming.

Additional
Cottages.

The Ladies' Associations continue to render most efficient aid, not only in the collection of contributions but also in the spread of information about the Asylum. It is often found that the existence of the Asylum or its objects is unknown to benevolent people, who would otherwise be glad to subscribe to its funds; and regarded merely from that point of view, the earnest co-operation of such Associations in many towns and villages must be of great advantage. But the substantial amount towards the annual income which these Associations collect is of immense importance to the Institution; and the earnest efforts of the ladies engaged in this most self-denying work deserve the warmest gratitude and commendation. The work of organising and collecting continues year after year in spite of increasing difficulties and discouragements. What has been successfully done in numerous places might no doubt be successfully accomplished in others. For the formation of additional Ladies' Associations the Committee again appeal for assistance to the Local Committees and other active friends of the Institution. The benefits which the Institution affords are so widely diffused throughout the Northern Counties that the Committee feel they have the strongest possible reason for venturing to solicit co-operation in every part of the district. Certainly, there can be no better organisation for reaching those who are likely to sympathise with the benevolent objects of the Charity.

Ladies'
Associations.

Contributions
collected by
Ladies'
Associations.

The Contributions which have been collected by the Ladies' Associations during the year are as follows:—

							Annual			Subscriptions.			Donations.			Total.		
							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	396	7	3	49	4	1	445	11	4			
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT	...	...	...	...	...	...	246	19	0	23	10	8	270	9	8			
"	..	..	..	..	..	..	97	8	0	21	12	9	119	0	9			
DURHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	375	12	0	...	...	...	375	12	0			
HALIFAX	...	...	...	...	...	...	351	5	9	4	11	6	355	17	3			
CUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	241	15	7	18	6	7	260	2	2			
BRADFORD	...	...	...	...	...	...	240	11	6	18	0	2	258	11	8			
LEEDS	...	...	...	...	...	...	93	0	6	0	15	6	93	16	0			
YORK	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	6	0	5	10	0	90	16	0			
WESTMORLAND (first Instalment)	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	5	6	33	5	0	49	10	6			
SOUTHPORT	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	8	6	1	6	0	14	14	6			
SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	6	0	17	0	7	19	6			
THIRSK	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0	...	...	...	2	2	0			
							£2167	4	1	176	19	3	2344	3	4			

The total amount thus obtained during the year is £14 13s. 9d. less than that of last year; but, considering the depression of trade and other unfavourable influences, the decrease is less than what was expected. It has not arisen from any diminution in the earnestness of the Committees or Collectors of the Associations. It is to be regretted that, owing to illness, Mrs. Aders was obliged to resign the Secretaryship of the Manchester Ladies' Association, whose interests she had ably and energetically served for many years. The removal from the district of the Hon. Mrs. Algernon Egerton, Vice-President of the Manchester Association, is also a cause of sincere regret.

Special
Contributions.

Attention is called to the following Special Contributions:—

A Donation of £500 to the Sustentation Fund, from the Right Hon. Lord Winmarleigh.

An additional Donation of £21 from the Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited; an additional Donation of £5 5s. od. and a Special Donation of £5 os. od. from the Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society. The following Annual Subscriptions have been continued this year, viz.: The Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society, £21; Brighouse Industrial Society, £5 5s. od.; Halifax Flour Society, £2 2s. od.; Sowerby Bridge Flour Society £2 2s.; Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society £2 2s.

A Thank-offering of £1 1s., "In Memorium," from E. S. F., Darlington.

Proceeds of Red Riding Hood Entertainment, per Mrs. F. G. J. Robinson, Castle Eden, £4 10s.; Mothers' Meeting at Bunbury, Cheshire, per Mrs. Aspinall, Tarporley, 10s. 6d. (annual subscriptions); collected at Alford Girls' School, per Miss Annie White, 10s. 6d.

Among the sundry gifts to the Institution, the following should be particularly mentioned :—

7,200 Bulbs of various kinds, presented by Messrs. Dicksons, Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester..

120 Gooseberry Bushes from Mr. Joseph Kelsall, Lancaster.

A Piano for the Rodgett Infirmary, from the sister of a deceased private patient, who had been in the Asylum many years.

12 framed Pictures, from Mrs. Argles, of Eversley, Milnthorpe.

A large double oxy-hydrogen Magic Lantern, from a Donor who desires to remain anonymous.

Ornamental Type for School printing, from Mr. Thomas Bell, Lancaster.

A Photographic Camera, from Mr. Jonathan Slinger, Lancaster.

A Set of Billiard Balls, from Mr. Isaac H. Storey, Lancaster.

Dresses for Entertainments, from Lady Storey, Mrs. W. W. Wingate-Saul, Mr. McRaith, and Dr. Telford Smith, Lancaster.

Pieces of Music for full Orchestra and Piano, from Mr. M. Thistlethwaite, Lancaster.

Parcels of Illustrated Papers from other Friends of the Institution.

In supplying the usual list of Collections during the year, the Committee while heartily thanking those gentlemen who have repeatedly co-operated with them in this maner, cannot but express their regret that so few Clergymen and Ministers have thus assisted the funds of the Institution. Many of the patients have been introduced to the notice of the Committee by Clergymen and Ministers, and collections and offertories are always invited. Surely the parishes which send poor patients to the Asylum might contribute something towards their support. What is periodically done by those who make no claim upon the benefits of the Institution, may much more reasonably be expected of those who request such assistance.

Collections
and
Offertories.

Rev. W. E. Pryke, Lancaster, St. Mary's Parish Church, per the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.

Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, Leeds.

Rev. W. Mardon Beeby, Burngreave Congregational Church, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.

Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.

Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, Parish Church, Esh, Durham ; also at All Saints', Eshwinning and Ushaw Moor, Durham.

Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.

Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas' Church, Bedford Leigh.

Rev. W. Smith, Shadwell Church, Leeds

Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.

Public Meeting
at
Wigan.

At the request of the Local Committee, a Public Meeting was held at Wigan, in February last, under the presidency of the Mayor (Mr. Wm. Woods). The meeting was well attended, and additional donations and annual subscriptions were obtained. It was hoped that a Ladies' Association would have been formed, but, owing to various causes, such an auxiliary has not yet been established. The active assistance of the Local Committee is earnestly requested for this object, as in no better way can the financial and general interests of the Asylum be promoted in the district.

Weekly Cost.

The average weekly cost of maintenance per head—including all office and administrative expenses, as well as workshops, repairs, and building sundries—has been 13s. 4d.; and without the last three items, 12s. 10d. Last year the amounts were 12s. 7½d. and 11s. 9¼d. respectively. The increase has chiefly been in salaries and wages, clothing, provisions, fuel, and gas. Every care is taken to check and control the expenditure, but with all possible regard to economy, efficiency must be maintained, and enhanced prices have contributed to the extra cost of working the Institution.

Farm Produce

Much advantage continues to be derived from the two Farms, which not only supply provisions to the Institution, but also give suitable occupation to many of the patients. The produce sent to the Institution during the year represents, at fair market prices, the sum of £4,848 12s. 4d., and has consisted of 49,064 lbs. of beef; 1,009 lbs. of veal; 22,310 lbs. of mutton; 339 lbs. of lamb; 14,107 lbs. of pork; 106 fowls; 11,318 eggs; 53,537 gallons of milk; 9,699 stones of potatoes. The Farms have again, at the request of the Committee, been thoroughly inspected by two well-known agriculturists, Mr. John Cottam, of Well House, Lancaster, and Mr. Henry Wilson, of Hornby, who have also carefully valued the live and dead stock. In their report they say:—

Inspection
of
Farms.

“The live stock are in a very healthy condition, and are even better than they were last year when we gave a very favourable report of them. The buildings, yards, and dead stock are kept in excellent order and cleanliness. We found the crops very good and clean, and in flourishing condition. We are of opinion that both farms are well managed in all respects.”

Considerable importance is attached by the managers of all public institutions for imbeciles to the provision of ample industrial occupation for the patients as conducive to their physical and mental development, and rendering them more useful to themselves and their friends. In the workshops their labour is of appreciable value in shoe-making and tailoring, and many useful articles of furniture have been made by mere lads. But no occupation is more beneficial to the patients than farm and garden work, and they have been successfully trained to the care of cattle and to all kinds of out-door employment. The Committee would gladly see a further development of such occupations.

Industrial
Occupations.

Annual visits are officially made to the Asylum by the Commissioners in Lunacy. On the 10th of April the inspection was made by Mr. C. Palmer Phillips and Dr. Clifford Allbutt, who in the course of their report state :—

Lunacy
Commissioners.

“ We found the Asylum in high order, the children very happy, kept clean, well clothed, and in all respects judiciously cared for. They include every type of idiocy ; we saw several of the Mongolian, hydrocephalic, microcephalic, and cretin kind, and a girl with a general paralytic tendency.

“ In the several class rooms we were present during lesson time, and were much interested in observing what trouble was taken to overcome the lack of muscular control so common among idiots, and to develop their mental powers through teaching by objects. The patients are most apt in imitation and mechanical labour ; the chief difficulty appears to consist in teaching numbers or anything in an abstract way. Besides the children, there is a sprinkling of adults whose stay after majority has been sanctioned by our Board. In the Tailors', Shoemakers', and Joiners' shops many boys are employed, and some exhibit excellent results in the work of their hands. At dinner and in the wards and shops the behaviour of the patients was good, and a large number evidently took much pleasure in their lessons and work. Many have more intelligence than their appearance promises, in fact, physical infirmities often disguise the mental powers. The extreme difficulty of training the patients here may be estimated from the fact that about one-third cannot speak at the date of admission, and a very large proportion have but a very limited use of their hands or legs.”

Gratitude is heartily expressed for the kindness, encouragement, and support rendered to the Institution by the Press in all parts of the Northern Counties. Without such assistance the labours of the Committee would have been far more arduous than they have been, and the financial results of their appeals less satisfactory. To the proprietors

Newspaper
Press.

of the *Sheffield Independent* thanks are due for another article descriptive of the work of the Institution, which was published at the time of the last General Annual Meeting; and an interesting report of "A Holiday Visit to the Royal Albert Asylum" by the Rev. W. J. Houlgate, appeared in the *Horwich Chronicle*. The latter article, which gives the impression of a visit made in the ordinary way, and quite unknown to the principal officials, has been re-printed and extensively circulated.

Honorary
Officers.

To the Local Committees the grateful acknowledgments of the Central Committee are tendered for their valuable co-operation. Their influence and support during many years are highly esteemed. Thanks are also due to the Honorary Solicitors and other Honorary Officers of the Institution.

Changes in the
Central
Committee.

Among the members of the Central Committee there have been several deaths. Sir James Meek was formerly the Chairman of the York Committee, and, as Lord Mayor at the time of the first meeting in that city, and, on many subsequent occasions, rendered good service to the Institution. Mr James Harrison, of Liverpool, was a generous friend, and was always ready to respond to any special appeal. He presented the Asylum with statues of the Queen and the Prince Consort to adorn the front of the building, and also gave a fine turret clock. The Rev. W. M. Ainsworth, removed from Lancaster to London, but continued a hearty interest in the Institution. An excellent supporter has been lost by the death of Mr. Louis John Crossley, Chairman of the Halifax Local Committee, whose interest in the work began in 1865. When he was Local Secretary he vigorously canvassed for subscriptions in his own district. He visited Lancaster in 1868 to deliver a lecture on "Electricity and the Atlantic Telegraph," in aid of the building fund; and on several later occasions he took part at the Asylum in entertainments to the children. Notwithstanding his devotion to business, public offices, and science, he never ceased to regard the work of the Asylum with the most cordial sympathy. Mr. Crossley was one of the Trustees for Investments. Mr. Henry W. Lord, who had proved himself to be a most useful member of the Committee, removed to London, having been appointed a Principal

Registrar in the Chief Probate Registry at Somerset House. Mr. G. W. Maxsted has been elected to the vacancy caused by Mr. Lord's resignation. Mr. S. Satterthwaite, of Lancaster, has been appointed by the Cheshire Committee to be one of their representatives on the Central Committee ; and Mr. W. P. Park, of Preston, has succeeded Mr. R. Pedder as one of the Preston representatives.

In this connection reference should be made to the death of Mr. Wm. Millard, formerly Superintendent of the Eastern Counties Asylum, at Colchester. Mr. Millard's labours on behalf of the Imbecile extended over almost the entire period of systematic effort in this country for the amelioration of the condition of that unfortunate class. He was associated with the Rev. Andrew Reed, D.D., and the little band of city philanthropists who opened, in 1848, a small asylum for idiots at Park House, Highgate, from which have originated, directly or indirectly, Earlswood and all the public asylums for imbeciles in the United Kingdom. Mr. Millard took a warm interest in the commencement of the Royal Albert Asylum, and his advice and assistance were gratefully appreciated. He was joint author, with Dr. P. M. Duncan, F.R.S., of a manual on "The Classification and Training of the Idiot and Imbecile," and he wrote also a useful pamphlet, entitled "The Idiot and his Helpers."

Death of a
Pioneer
in the work of
Training
Imbeciles.

It is most important that there should be in such institutions adequate means of relaxation for the members of the Staff, especially for the teachers, attendants, and nurses, who are brought into constant and immediate contact with the patients, and who require great patience and earnestness in the discharge of their duties. At the suggestion of Mr. Diggins, a Staff Library has been established. It already consists of about 350 volumes of standard literature, and the fiction includes the works of Sir Walter Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, Lytton, Trollope, George Eliot, Mrs. Gaskell, Charlotte Bronte, Miss Yonge, Mrs. Wood, Kingsley, Hawthorne, Washington Irving, Blackmore, Crawford, &c. The idea was heartily approved by the Mayor of Lancaster (Ald. C. Blades), and other members of the Central Committee. The Mayor contributed £5, Sir Thomas Storey £5, Mr. G. Buckston Browne £10, Mr. A. H. Heywood £5, Mr. W. Tattersall £5, Mr. Frederic J. Harrison £5. Mrs.

Staff
Library.

A. H. Heywood made a handsome present of 27 vols., and Mr. Edward Storey gave 9 vols. The Library is a source of great pleasure to the Staff, and the books are in constant circulation. In course of time it will be necessary to enlarge it, and special contributions for this purpose are invited. One of the clerks in the Secretary's Office has charge of the Library, and kindly devotes every Friday evening to the exchange of books, according to the regulations.

Staff
Excursion.

So much enjoyment was given last year by the excursion of the teachers, attendants, and nurses to Ambleside, that the Committee readily consented to repeat the excursion this year, and extended the gratefully appreciated boon to the entire indoor Staff, who went in two parties on different days in the month of June. Nothing can exceed the delight with which these trips are regarded by all who participate in them, and they agreeably interrupt the somewhat monotonous and trying labours of the Staff.

Annual
Holidays
of
Patients.

It has been the custom from the opening of the Institution to allow patients, under proper restrictions, to have a month's holiday in August. The arrangement is convenient for all parties, and is much appreciated by patients, parents, and Staff. It facilitates also the necessary painting and renovation of sections of the building. The vacation is keenly anticipated, and many are the anxious inquiries whether there has been any holiday application from friends. It is agreeable to know that in most cases there is equal eagerness to return to the Asylum. This year the holiday patients numbered 173. The Committee have much pleasure in submitting the following favourable testimony of parents, which they have selected from numerous similar reports :—

Testimony of
Friends of
Patients.

1. (F. 1245). "I am very pleased to tell you how very much I think H. has improved in his habits and ways. He has made a long stride since last year, and everyone who has seen him has noticed the improvement. As to his physical health, I fancied he was not quite so strong as last year, he so soon complained of being tired, but my mother who will bring him back will tell you about that. I must thank you very much for the evident care and attention bestowed on him."

2. (W. 1212). "I think my son H. O. W. is improved in both his physical and mental condition generally. He can speak much plainer and is more obedient. Accept my sincere thanks for all you have done for him."

3. (O. 1334). "I find my son very much improved indeed, and I am perfectly satisfied with the treatment he gets at the Institution. His health is very good also."

4. (F. 1031). "My son has improved very much physically. He is a strong healthy young man. His habits are clean, and he has made himself very useful at home in many ways. There does not appear to be much improvement in his knowledge of letters, reading, or writing, but generally we think he has improved and made good progress."

5. (W. 1115). I have very great satisfaction and pleasure in being able to testify to the great improvement which we discern in the condition of our son, E. E. W., especially so in his mental condition. His health too is excellent, and he is most quiet and obedient in his habits, for all of which we are most grateful to the Medical Superintendent and the other gentlemen and officials connected with the Institution."

6. (S. 1342). "I find that my son T. is in good health, nicely improved in his habits, and greatly improved physically and mentally. I am thankful that he is so well treated and wishful to return to the R.A.A."

7. (T. 1424). "We are glad to say J. seems in very good health, and we think he has improved in his power of answering questions and expressing his thoughts. His walking and running are much improved. We wish to thank all his teachers and attendants for their kindness to him."

8. (B. 803). "I am very pleased to observe that E. E. B. is much improved in general. Her habits are cleanly, and she is in every way improved in her body, and, so far as I can observe, her mind is much stronger, as she can remember and repeat things so easily, for which I am very pleased.

9. (S. 1221). "We are very pleased to be able to say that we think our daughter very much improved both in body and mind. We are very grateful for the care which has evidently been bestowed upon her."

10. (W. 1007). "We are grateful to find our daughter on the whole better, her general appearance is better, her manners are much improved, and we think she is much improved in body and likely for making a useful girl at home. Kindly accept our warmest thanks, and trust you will continue to do whatever you can."

11. (G. 1223). "We consider there is an improvement in every respect in E. E. G. She is less quarrelsome, quieter in the house, and able to find some occupation for herself. There are evident signs of the very great care and attention which she has received at the Royal Albert."

12. (G. 1220). "I am glad to be able to say that the health of our daughter is good; also we notice a slight improvement in her mentally. She can say more words this year than she could last. Her idea of time is very good. We are also glad to observe that she is more tractable and better to manage when not excited. She still stoops very much in her walking. Taking her altogether, we think the improvement wonderful, and the cheerfulness which she evinces when told that she is coming back, speaks volumes as to the kindness shown to them. We cannot in this express all we feel, but we do hope that the Home and all connected with it, may have a very prosperous year."

A serious cause for anxiety is the after-care of those who have passed through the Institution. In no instance is the care or training otherwise than beneficial, and in many cases the patients are greatly improved in habits, intelligence, and general capacity for usefulness, whilst not a few are

The After-Care
of
Patients.

able, under judicious and kindly supervision, either to earn their own living or to become contributory to it. Apart from the industrial training, which is of primary importance, attention is paid to the systematic and harmonious development of the intellectual and moral faculties; and it is extremely disappointing, after all the trouble and expense of the training to find that ex-patients gravitate to the Workhouse or the Lunatic Asylum. It is painful to realise that in the fierce competition of secular life there is but little room for the unfortunate imbecile who seems to be one

"born in blight,
Victim of perpetual slight."

Need of a
Permanent
Home.

He always requires kindly care, encouragement, and supervision. In the majority of instances, parents cannot, for obvious reasons, supply these requirements. What appears to be wanted for most imbeciles, whether helpless or hopeful and useful cases, is a Permanent Home. It is, perhaps, too much to expect unaided charity to make such provision. It seems to be the duty of the Local Authorities or of the State to provide a shelter for the feeble in mind, the congenitally idiotic, the epileptic, and the paralytic. There are no facilities for their proper treatment in Workhouses or Lunatic Asylums, and, without separate buildings, nothing can be done to prevent miserable deterioration. In a Home the work of the most improved patients, who have become skilful labourers, might be utilised in the service of the establishment in domestic work, in common handicrafts in which they have acquired some dexterity, in farm or garden work, or in assisting in the care of the more afflicted inmates. In their own homes they are too often devoid of employment and occupation, and thus the training, which was intended to equip them for the activities and responsibilities of life, is comparatively wasted. A discharged patient, who had become a valuable assistant in the bakehouse, thus writes to the Secretary :—" I am sorry to tell you that I have been in the Union. A gentleman came to our house and said he would send me to R—, where I should have a home. I am very sorry that I can't come back to the Royal Albert Asylum. I have not got anything to do." Even when they succeed in obtaining employment, they would gladly return to the Asylum, which they fondly regard as their true home.

One lad, on leaving the Institution, wrote " I have got into a bakehouse in..... street, on the 19th of January, and I like my place very much indeed." Respecting this youth, the Secretary has recently received the following letter, which well illustrates the difficulties besetting this question of the after-care of imbeciles :—

" DEAR SIR,—

September 16th, 1891.

I write you in reference to my brother, J. R. R., who was lately an inmate of the Royal Albert Asylum.

My brother, who was employed in the bakehouse of the Institution, expresses a great anxiety to return to the Institution as a paid servant in the capacity referred to. He is at present in employment here, but his wages are only just sufficient to keep himself.

My mother also naturally expresses a strong desire that he should return to Lancaster, feeling that, in the event of this, the one great hope of her life, namely, to see her son provided for hereafter, would be gratified.

I need hardly say that he is a very willing and hard working youth, and is fully worth his remuneration, but, in the present overcrowded state of the labour market, to obtain employment under any circumstances, is at all times difficult. I shall esteem it a great favour if you will kindly take this into your consideration, and let me have a reply at your convenience.—
Yours truly, A. R."

It is gratifying to find that the desirability of making suitable and distinct provision for the care and training of Pauper Imbeciles is engaging the attention of County Councils and Poor Law Guardians. At the Poor Law Conference for the North-Western District, which was recently held at Blackpool, under the presidency of the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, an excellent paper was read by Dr. J. M. Rhodes, of Manchester, on " Provision for the Insane in the North-Western Counties." In this paper Dr. Rhodes advocated that an Asylum should be established for pauper imbeciles. The Conference was in evident sympathy with him, and the following resolution, which he moved, was carried by a large majority, four only voting against it :—

The Care and
Training of
Pauper
Imbeciles.

" As increased accommodation is required in Lancashire for the insane, this conference expresses the opinion that the interests of society and humanity will best be met by the establishment of an asylum for harmless and incurable lunatics, and that the said asylum should be surrounded by such an amount of land that the labour of the patients could be utilised upon it for the benefit of themselves and of the State. This conference, believing that idiotic, paralytic, and feeble-minded

children are as much entitled to the benefits of education as any other children, desires to impress upon the Lunatic Asylums Board the urgent necessity of providing an institution for such children as a measure both humane and just."

Suggestions
of the
Lunacy
Commissioners.

There is no authority better qualified to give a practical opinion on this important and urgent question than the Commissioners in Lunacy. In their last Annual Report to the Lord Chancellor they state :—

"We think that the larger counties, or two or more of the smaller in union, might well consider the advisability of exercising another power given by the section quoted [section 241 of the Lunacy Act, 1890], namely, of building asylums for idiots. Such an asylum, in our view, should be of an inexpensive character, and should not aim at too much in the way of attempts at education or development, but should be mainly a receptacle for unimprovable idiots in which they would be fed, clothed, kept clean, and treated with kindness, leaving to other, and especially equipped institutions, the training and development of imbeciles of a higher degree of intelligence."

A School
and
a Home.

The Committee are in hearty sympathy with the Commissioners. The need is two-fold—a School and a Home. Whether the Royal Albert Asylum would not sufficiently meet, with its trained staff and efficient equipment, the requirements of all those who are capable of education, including pauper children under proper conditions, is well worthy of full consideration. The Home might be rendered partly self-supporting by the labour of trained patients and by the contributions of relatives, who, but for the assistance thus afforded, might be dragged down into the slough of chronic pauperism by the incubus of an imbecile member of the family.

Medical
Superin-
tendent's
Report.

The Medical Superintendent has described in his Report the internal working of the Institution during the year, and has given the usual information with regard to the health, treatment, employment, amusement, and general progress of the patients. The Committee cordially recognise the earnestness, fidelity, and ability with which the members of the Staff have discharged the onerous duties of their respective departments. Hourly association with imbeciles calls for much tact, patience, and kindness; and the teachers, especially, deserve every encouragement in their difficult work, which makes large demands upon their energies, skill, forbearance, and Christian sympathy.

The Branch Establishment at Brunton House continues Brunton House.
to be conducted with efficiency. It affords suitable accommodation as a pleasant residence for private patients of a higher class who possess a fair amount of intelligence. It is charmingly and salubriously situated, and, being within a short distance, the patients are able to attend with regularity the classes and occupations of the Asylum. There are still some vacant beds.

In this review of the progress of the work of the Institution during the year, the Committee humbly and gratefully acknowledge the Divine blessing which has hitherto accompanied their imperfect labours. They trust that the same countenance may be continued to them in the future, and that the Royal Albert Asylum may grow in favour with the benevolent public of the North of England, of whose interest in the cause of the helpless Idiot and Imbecile innumerable proofs have been received. Conclusion.

JOHN T. HIBBERT,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

My Twenty-first Annual Report, which I have now the honour of submitting, comprises the 12 months from August 31st, 1890, to August 31st, 1891.

Number of
Patients.

During that period 98 patients (64 males, 34 females) have been admitted to the Asylum; 68 patients (42 males, 26 females) have been discharged; and 21 (10 males, 11 females) have died. The number on the books on the 31st August, 1891, was 589 (401 males, 188 females), as compared with 580 (389 males, 191 females) on the 31st August, 1890. The average number resident throughout the year has been 551; the maximum number simultaneously resident, 592; and the aggregate number under care and training, 678.

Admissions.

In order to avoid the inconveniences and risks to patients resulting from their admission in wintry weather, the election was deferred from the period of the Annual Meeting to the following Easter, when 70 patients were elected at Kendal. It had been arranged to admit these cases in the month of May, but the extensive prevalence of Influenza at this time throughout the North of England necessitated their postponement till August. In this month no less than 76 patients were received into the Institution; and the arrangements for the customary isolation of new-comers during the three weeks following their reception were facilitated by the fact of a large number of the old patients being at this time absent for their annual holiday. Parenthetically, I may remark that as the building approaches its full complement of patients, it becomes increasingly difficult to provide the needful separate accommodation for newly-admitted patients, which experience has proved to be essential, both as a matter of sanitary precaution, and as convenient for studying the characteristics of new-comers before classifying them. With regard to the condition of Election Patients recently admitted, it is satisfactory to find that the majority of the older boys seem suitable subjects for training, and though the physical and mental condition of the girls and infants is not so promising, there are comparatively few unimprovable cases. On the principle of the "greatest good for the greatest number," it seems more than ever desirable, in view of our accommodation being fully occupied, that the educational character of the Institution should be kept in mind in the selection of inmates.

In furtherance of this idea the Committee last autumn ordered the discharge of 21 patients, who had been retained on payment in the Institution for 7 years and upwards, and had reached the limit of improvability. The majority of these were removed in September and October last; and at the same time those of the patients elected in August, 1883, who did not seem likely to benefit by further residence, left the Institution. The other election cases, whose period had expired, were allowed to remain till the following April. Of the 56 patients who had completed their election period last year, it was reported that 21 had made such marked improvement as to be capable of useful work in the Institution; that 23 others were of some use, under careful supervision, and had improved in habits and conduct; and that 12, originally low-grade cases, had improved but little. From enquiries recently addressed to the parents of the discharged cases, it has been ascertained that at least half of those above reported as usefully employed in the Institution, are earning, or contributing to, their living outside, and that several others would be able to do so, could they find suitable situations. A young man, who became an efficient tailor under Institution training, and when discharged retained no characteristics of imbecility, paid us a visit on Bank Holiday, and reported he was steadily working with his father for a clothier at Hebden Bridge. Another lad is working satisfactorily on a farm. A third is reported to be earning his living at Liverpool by driving a pony and cart for a tradesman, and "everything is entirely satisfactory." A fourth is employed in labouring at ironworks, and is "living at home, well cared for." Of the girls, several are found useful at home. In one report it is stated that "E. C. is at home with father and mother, and is a good help in household duties;" in another, that "A. M. T. is assisting in house duties, her mother being in bad health finds her very useful at home. We cannot thank you enough for the great care, medical treatment, and training she received in the Institution, which have brought such good results." A girl, who had improved greatly during her three years' residence, and now lives with a benevolent lady at Preston, writes personally to acknowledge enquiries, and says:—"I am thankful to say that I am quite well, and am trying to improve myself in every way. I am able to do sewing, and also to work the sewing machine, and make myself useful in many ways. I attend church and Sunday school regularly, and have been confirmed; and I hope through God's goodness that I may be able to still improve." On the other hand it is disappointing to find that in some cases retrogression has occurred in consequence of unsuitable home surroundings,

and of the inability of the parents to find suitable situations for their children. A large number of cases, though trained to useful industry, are consequently relegated to Union Houses and Lunatic Asylums. I trust that ere long the action of the County Councils may provide a remedy for this very regrettable state of things; and that it will be borne in mind that not only is there need to provide for the education and training of Pauper Imbecile children, but that some provision, apart from that for Chronic Lunatics, is required for adult Imbeciles, the labour of those who have been trained being utilised, as far as practicable, to diminish the expense of maintenance. It is not indeed to be expected that without some form of tutelage even the trained imbecile can hold his own in the outside world, and in the majority of cases it may be appropriately said :—

“ ’Tis not enough to help the feeble up,
But to support him after.”

Deaths.

After an unusually low mortality in recent years (2·2 per cent. for the period of the last Report, 2·9 for that of the previous Report) the death-rate has this year risen to 3·8 per cent., calculated upon the average number resident (or 3 per cent. if calculated on the aggregate number under care and treatment). This rise may be mainly attributed to the epidemic of Influenza, which was prevalent in the Asylum in April and May last, affecting 43 of the patients and a few of the staff. At least 6 deaths (out of the 21 which occurred) were due to the direct or remote effects of this troublesome disease, inflammation of the brain, as well as of the lungs, being excited in some instances. One patient died of renal complications after an attack of Erysipelas, some cases of which occurred in the Asylum during the autumn of last year. A girl, admitted on probation in December, 1889, died from the direct effects of Epilepsy to which she had been subject previous to admission. Our oldest patient died last August of Bronchitis, after a lengthened residence in the Institution as a payment case. The other deaths may all be referred to some form of Scrofulous or Tubercular disease. With the exceptions above referred to, the Institution has been free from serious infectious disease, and its sanitary condition has been satisfactory.

Education and Training.

The arrangements for Education and Training have not been materially altered. Mr. Henry Keyes succeeded Mr. Pritchard in April last as Senior Assistant Master in the Boys' School, bringing with him excellent testimonials from previous appointments in elementary schools. Much pains have always been taken by the instructors, both in the schools and workshops, to cultivate any special aptitude a

pupil may possess ; and this year a step in advance has been made by the Committee authorising the attendance at the Lancaster School of Art of two youths, who have respectively shown ability in drawing and in wood carving. In accordance with a suggestion made by the Countess of Bective at the Election meeting at Easter, a collection of work from the schools and workshops of the Asylum has recently been sent to the "Arts and Crafts" Exhibition at Kendal, where it has excited considerable interest. H.R.H. Princess Louise, who opened the Exhibition, was pleased to specially notice the collection ; and a reference to it is thus made in the columns of the *Westmorland Gazette* : — "The deepest interest and sympathy must centre in the collection of articles which is sent to the Exhibition from the Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties, Lancaster. This collection consists of specimens of handicraft work and of school work produced by pupils at the Asylum. Specimens of handwriting by the same hands at different times are exhibited to illustrate the mental and manual progress of the pupils, and some of the specimens of handiwork in joinery, wood carving, shoe-making, fretwork, and other pursuits are very good indeed, and give the observer ample proof of sympathetic and patient tuition. A number of articles of needlework are exhibited as specimens of the work of the girls, and other female pursuits are illustrated by specimens. The case which contains these articles is one of the most interesting in this division of the Exhibition as an illustration of what may be done by persevering and kindly teaching to brighten the lives of those who sit in darkness."

A considerable amount of furniture for use in the Institution is now made in the joiners' shop by pupils (two of whom are respectively only 16 years of age), and the workmanlike way in which wardrobes, wash-stands, dressing-tables, chests of drawers, &c., are turned out, is very creditable both to them and to their Instructor. Some very neat work is also to be seen in the tailors' and shoemakers' shops. Out-door employment in the grounds and at the Farm is, of course, as heretofore, extensively resorted to, with great benefit to the physical as well as the mental development of the patients. Many of the boys learning in-door trades are also in turn employed under the out-door labour-master.

Industrial
Employment.

The valuable gift of a large double oxy-hydrogen Magic Lantern by the father of one of the Brunton House pupils has been a much-appreciated addition to our means of entertainment. The desirability of the possession of such an

Gifts of
Magic Lantern
and
of Piano.

instrument was alluded to in my last Report, and subscriptions to the amount of nearly twenty pounds had been received, mostly in small sums, from friends of patients, when the gentleman above referred to made his generous offer. This offer it was decided to accept, and the money subscribed has been devoted to the purchase of necessary fittings and accessories, and to the acquisition of suitable illustrations. The donor kindly consented to inaugurate the lantern by illustrating a lecture in the Winmarleigh Hall, on "Natal and its Natives," for which we were indebted to Mr. E. Parke Lamport. I must also mention the considerate gift to the Rodgett Infirmary of an excellent Piano, presented by the sister of a paying patient, who died there last November, as a memorial of one who had during the twelve years he had lived in the Institution become much endeared to all with whom he was associated. It proves to be a valuable means of ministering to the enjoyment of the poor sufferers who are often detained for lengthened periods at the Infirmary, and are of course precluded from sharing in the recreations of the rest of the Establishment. I ought to add that a sum of £5, contributed some years ago by Mr. T. Waller, of Bradford, in aid of an Infirmary Piano, has with his permission (together with some smaller contributions), been devoted to the purchase of music, music stool, &c.

Entertainments.

In connection with the Winter Entertainments in the Winmarleigh Hall, we have to acknowledge occasional aid from various musical friends, and a capital concert given by Mr. Batchelder, of Lancaster, and some of his pupils. To Col. Cargill, and a party of ladies and gentlemen from Lancaster, we were indebted for a diverting exhibition of "Mrs. Jarley's Waxworks." The Christmas Trees and Entertainments passed off with even more than customary *éclat*; the performance of "Beauty and the Beast," by officers, attendants, and patients, giving much satisfaction. The ordinary Entertainments, occurring almost every Monday from October to May, were of a varied character; and it was surprising how readily the items for the programmes were supplied by the staff. It need hardly be said that the pleasant Monday evenings were eagerly looked forward to by the patients. In addition, parties of the inmates have from time to time visited suitable exhibitions in Lancaster, such as "Poole's Myriorama" (to which a party of 40 were gratuitously admitted), "Hamilton's Diorama," &c., &c. During the Summer, excursions have been made by several parties to Morecambe; and the annual Pic-nic to Cocker-sand Abbey, for those remaining at the Institution during the holidays, was this year participated in by 129 patients. 173 children visited their own homes in the month of August.

It was thought prudent by the Committee to restrict the admission of visitors during the prevalence of Influenza in the district, but this restriction having been removed in July, the Institution has since been largely visited. Our arrangements have been carefully inspected by numerous deputations from Boards of Guardians who have patients in the Asylum, and their entries in the Visitors' Book have been uniformly of an appreciative character. Among special visitors, I may mention Mr. Alexander Skene, Superintendent of the Scottish National Institution for Imbeciles; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. C. Turner, Secretary-Superintendent and Matron of the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots; the Hon. Wm. N. Ashman, one of the Directors of the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble-minded Children; and General Moberly and the Rev. W. A. Corbett, of the London School Board. We have also been favoured with visits (of course unofficial) from Miss M. H. Mason and Mr. J. J. Henley, Inspectors of the Local Government Board.

Visitors.

As an evidence of the extended interest taken in the amelioration of the "child imperfectly constituted," it may be of interest to mention that this formed one of the subjects for consideration at the International Congress of Hygiene and Demography held in London last August. Papers relating to mentally-feeble, epileptic and imbecile children were read and discussed, several distinguished authorities, both British and foreign, taking part in the discussions.

International
Congress of
Hygiene.

In connection with the class of mentally-abnormal and otherwise exceptional children found in our public elementary schools—a class amounting, according to Dr. Francis Warner, to no less than 1.5 per cent. of those in attendance—it is gratifying to note that the London School Board is stirring in the matter of providing special instruction for children, who, though not actually idiotic or imbecile, are precluded by mental or bodily defect from following the ordinary curriculum. This experiment will no doubt be watched with interest by school authorities throughout the country. For myself, I venture to think that the system of physiological education, promulgated by Séguin nearly 50 years ago, has not only proved effective within the precincts of Institutions for Imbeciles, but has had a beneficial reflex upon the methods pursued in ordinary schools. That "the physiological education of the senses must precede the psychical education of the mind" is an axiom now universally acted on, and increased importance is attached to sense culture, object lessons, manual training, and musical drill, always features in the training of imbecile children.

Exceptional
Children in
Ordinary
Schools.

Staff.

Instruction in
St. John
Ambulance
Work.

The Staff continue to take an intelligent and kindly interest in their work, and I cannot speak too highly of the devotion frequently displayed by nurses and attendants for their helpless charges. As a step in the direction of training for their special duties, classes in "First Aid" were again formed last winter, and 25 of the staff passed the examinations held on behalf of the St. John Ambulance Association by Surgeon-Major Hutton, and were subsequently presented with their certificates by the Mayor of Lancaster (Mr. Alderman Blades). It may be interesting to mention that instruction of this kind has been given in the Institution each winter since 1885, and that more than 80 persons connected with the Asylum have gained certificates, whilst 25, having passed three successive examinations, have obtained the Medallions of the Association. In the Ambulance instruction this year I had the willing aid of the Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. Telford Smith, whose valuable services in the medical work of the Institution I am glad to have the opportunity of acknowledging.

Medical
Consultations.

Reference is not infrequently made to the Medical Superintendent for advice as to the treatment of patients too young, or otherwise ineligible, for admission to the Institution. Such advice is always gladly given, either gratuitously or under such conditions as have been laid down by the Committee. Amongst the questions which have of late been frequently asked is one with regard to the surgical treatment of idiocy resulting from the too early ossification of the skull, attention having been called to this subject by notices in the public press. A distinguished French surgeon, Professor Lannelongue, claims good results from operative procedures—the removal of strips of bone to allow room for expansion of the brain—in a considerable number of cases; and similar operations have also been performed in England and in America. This is not the place to discuss surgical questions, but I may state my impression, derived from personal enquiries in Paris, as well as from observation of the progress of an actual case of "craniectomy" in this country, that as yet the sanguine anticipations set forth in popular articles on the subject have not been realised.

In conclusion I have again to thank the Committee for much kind consideration, and I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

Medical Superintendent.

*Royal Albert Asylum,
October 9th, 1891.*

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT.

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

(Not previously reported.)

SENIOR BOYS.

A. (1241). Admitted April, 1888, aged 13. When admitted could only tell the letter O, could only scribble, counted up to 30, knew no hour or minute, knew a coin or two, knew the simple colours, had to be prompted in saying the Lord's Prayer. He now speaks much better, reads easy words and spells them, forms letters in copybook, works easy addition sums, tells all the hours, knows all the coins and some weights, is well up in colour, knows the Lord's Prayer perfectly, has improved generally, and sometimes acts as teacher.

B. (1283). Admitted March, 1889, aged 17. Knew only one or two letters, could do little more than scribble, counted up to 30, knew only simple colours, and had to be prompted in the Lord's Prayer. Now reads easy words and spells them, is able with help to write letters to his friends, works easy addition, subtraction, and multiplication sums, names and matches most colours, knows the Lord's Prayer perfectly, and is much improved generally. Is useful in Shoe-shop.

C. (1285). Admitted March, 1889, aged 14. A cripple, with imperfect use of hands from want of co-ordination, read imperfectly easy words, could not hold pen or pencil, knew value of unit figures, told the hours and five minutes, knew some coins and weights, knew the simple colours and one or two compound shades. Now has gained muscular control and can walk better, has much improved in speech, reads fairly well, is able with help to write letters to his friends, works easy sums in all the simple rules, tells time to a minute, knows all the coins and weights, and calculates fairly well, tells and matches most colours, and has improved in general intelligence.

D. (1299). Admitted March, 1889, aged 14. Knew no letter or word, could only make strokes in copybook, counted fairly well, knew no hour or minute, knew only a penny amongst the coins, knew black and white, could draw curves on slate, had to be prompted in the Lord's Prayer. Now reads easy words and spells them, is able to write a good letter, works easy addition sums, tells the hours and quarters, knows all the coins and some weights, knows all the simple colours and some compound shades, draws well on paper, knows the Lord's Prayer perfectly and has improved generally, works satisfactorily at simple out-door labour.

E. (1413). Admitted June, 1890, aged 14. Could read and write easy words imperfectly, knew no hour or minute, knew only a coin or two, knew no colors, general intelligence very imperfect. Now his speech is much improved, he reads fairly well, writes easy words in copybook, tells the hours and quarters, knows all the coins and some weights, tells all the simple colours and some compound shades, and has improved in general intelligence. Is making good progress at shoe-making.

GIRLS.

F. (1159). Admitted March, 1887, aged 10. When admitted spoke very imperfectly, knew only a few letters and colours, made the letters O and A on the slate. Had no idea of sewing. Was very dull and quiet, and took little interest in oral lessons. Now speaks distinctly. Can read from an easy reading book, has written a letter to her brother, can tell the hours and half-hours on the clock, knows most of the coins and weights and all the simple and compound colours. Is very clever at Kindergarten work, has sewn a small dress entirely herself, and made several under-garments for the children's use. She is bright in class, and gives an intelligent answer to any question put by her teacher.

G. (1420). Admitted August, 1890, aged 6. Was a very wild, disobedient girl, knew very little, though she could speak fairly well, would not attempt to write, but threw the slate and pencil on the floor, would not remain seated in class, but watched her opportunity to hurt the other children in some way. Now she will sit quietly in her place, knows a few letters, and can make some of them on a slate, can count a little, knows a few colours, can do fairly well at Kindergarten work, sings with words, and can sew a little. Can dust and put things neat and straight in the Industrial Class.

H. (1297). Admitted March, 1889, aged 13. Was a very quiet, dull child, only knew a few letters and made strokes on a slate; if asked to do anything would turn sulky and not try. Now knows all the letters, reads easy words, writes a good copy on the slate, counts up to thirty, knows all the simple colours, and a few coins, hems neatly. Sings with words, and is very good at musical drill. Is very willing to learn, and has improved much in her temper and general behaviour.

INFANT BOYS.

I. (1111). Admitted November, 1886, aged 6. When admitted could not speak, only make a few unintelligible sounds, knew no letters, could only scribble on a slate, was of a very restless and mischievous disposition. He now answers any questions put to him, has learned all the colours, knows all the letters, writes a fair copy on a slate, is very good at Kindergarten work, sings with words, is very obedient, and sits quietly in his class.

J. (1334). Admitted May, 1889, aged 11. Could only speak indistinctly, knew no letters, only scribbled on a slate, knew one or two simple colours, and had no idea of Kindergarten work. Now he speaks much better, saying most words quite plainly, knows all the letters, and a few easy words, writes in a copybook, knows all simple colours, and, although he has only one hand, is very clever at bead mat-making, paper-folding, and stick-plaiting.

K. (1288). Admitted March, 1889, aged 11. He then knew a few letters, could write on a slate, count a little, could tell a few hours, knew some of the coins and simple colours, had not much idea of Kindergarten work, and was slow at making anything with his fingers. Now he reads any easy book, has written a letter home, can work simple addition and subtraction sums, can tell the time to a minute, knows all the coins and weights, can name and match all the colours, is very good at paper-stitching, knitting, basket-plaiting, and Kindergarten work generally, has some knowledge of notes and time in music, and, in fact, has in every way very much improved.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 14th NOVEMBER, 1891.

At the request of the last Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers, I have again audited the Books of Account of the Royal Albert Asylum, and I have much pleasure in certifying to their correctness. The Books have been carefully and satisfactorily kept, and the Balance Sheets give an accurate summary of the Accounts.

Maintenance Account, which contains the details of the working of the Institution during the year, shows a net increase in receipts of £378 13s. 8d., a falling off in Donations of £649 2s. 11d. having been more than balanced by a considerable increase in Payments for Patients, and by smaller increases in Legacies, Annual Subscriptions, and Interest on Investments. In the items of expenditure the decreases are nearly equal in amount to the increases.

The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account has received, by a transfer from Maintenance Account, £1,100, and the balance remaining to be liquidated is now £594 8s. 2d.

The Sustentation Fund Annual Account has received in Legacies £3,406 10s. 0d. and a Donation of £500. In company with the honorary auditor, Mr. C. Blades, I examined the Deeds and Certificates representing the Sustentation Fund Investments, and found them in proper order.

W. G. WELCH, AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1890,

Receipts.										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1890	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...				500	6	1
„ Donations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	600	8	5			
„ Legacies under Fifty Guineas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	7	7			
„ Annual Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,530	6	7			
„ Payments for Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,096	9	11			
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,148	0	7			
(Including £13 15s. 8d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift")															
„ Interest on Bank Deposits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	6	5			
„ Rent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	148	11	0			
„ Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	393	11	2			
													20,087	1	8
„ Farm Produce sold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	206	13	5			
„ Garden Produce sold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15	0			
													209	8	5
„ Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,848	12	4			
„ Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	197	19	8			
													5,046	12	0

ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1891.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Sheffield; Meetings at Wigan and Kendal; and of Local Committees, &c.	121	17	7			
„ Expenses of Election at Kendal	52	17	3			
„ Printing 5,000 Twenty-sixth Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery	189	5	4			
„ General Advertising... ..	43	13	10			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Voting Papers, Subscription Lists, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.	87	12	2			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage and Petty Cash Sundries	158	9	9			
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £826 4s. 5d. } Expenses { Asylum £5,947 1s. 5d. }	6,773	5	10	653	15	11
„ Provisions ... { Purchased ... £2,015 19s. 9d. } { From Farm, Garden, &c. £5,046 12s. 0d. }	7,062	11	9			
„ Necessaries: Coals	1,349	9	6			
Gas	249	6	11			
Water... ..	217	0	7			
General	277	0	2			
„ Clothing	1,175	8	5			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	150	5	4			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery	18	19	5			
„ Asylum Postage	14	10	2			
„ Insurance	80	19	6			
„ Maintenance Sundries	367	18	2			
„ Workshops and Repairs... ..	419	10	9			
„ Building Sundries	44	8	1			
„ Furniture: General	53	5	1			
Ironmongery	11	0	11			
Bedding... ..	120	17	3			
House Linen	29	1	4			
Crockery and Sundries	22	4	6			
„ Property Expenses				18,437	3	8
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.				22	14	4
„ Farm (including Stock, Implements, Provender, &c.) ...	4,544	19	8	33	12	9
„ Grounds and Garden	464	15	2			
				5,009	14	10
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account				1,100	0	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1891				586	6	8

£25,843 8 2

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From June 30th, 1890,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Maintenance Account... ..	1,100	0	0
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1891 ...	594	8	2
	<u>£1,694</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

Audited and found correct, 14th Nov., 1891.

W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

C. BLADES, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1890

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1890	1,821	15	5
„ Legacies	3,406	10	0
„ Donation	500	0	0

<u>£5,728</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
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Audited and found correct.—14th Nov., 1891.

W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

C. BLADES, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1891.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1890 ...	1,661	19	7
„ Bank Interest	32	8	7
	<u>£1,694</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>

ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1891.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Investments :—			
£150 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Preference Stock, 1882 ; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	189	0	0
£60 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Debenture Stock ; Interest at 4 per cent.	77	10	0
£1,590 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Preference Stock, 1887 ; Interest at 4 per cent. ...	1,978	16	6
£1,500 Victorian Government Inscribed Stock, 1882 ; Interest at 4 per cent.	1,603	8	0
	<u>3,848</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>
„ Six New Cottages on the Asylum Estate	1,828	9	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1891	51	1	11
	<u>£5,728</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	1889—90			1890—91			EXPENDITURE.			1889—90.			1890—91.			Increase.		Decrease.	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Donations	1249	11	4	600	8	5	Expenses of General Annual Meeting, of Public Meetings, and of Local Committees, &c.	83	9	2	121	17	7	38	8	5			
Legacies under Fifty Guineas	55	5	0	102	7	7	Election Expenses	67	11	3	52	17	3				14	14	0
Annual Subscriptions	4507	17	1	4530	6	7	Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery	222	3	10	189	5	4						
Payments for Patients	9514	14	8	10096	9	11	General Advertising	61	0	7	43	13	10						
Interest on Sustentation Fund							General Postage	84	7	5	87	12	2	3	4	9			
Investments	4018	7	2	4148	0	7	Offices (Lancaster & Manchester) Rent, Rates, Gas, Carriage, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries	135	0	4	158	9	9						
Interest on Bank Deposits	102	1	10	67	6	5	Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	6526	4	8	6773	5	10	247	1	2			
Rent	135	12	0	148	11	0	Provisions	6996	13	2	7062	11	9	65	18	7			
Sundries	368	4	9	393	11	2	NECESSARIES:—Coals	1191	2	1	1349	9	6	158	7	5			
Farm Produce sold	308	19	3	206	13	5	Gas	235	16	6	249	6	11	13	10	5			
Garden Produce sold	2	11	1	2	15	0	Water	214	4	4	217	0	7	2	16	3			
Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	4487	10	10	4848	12	4	General	363	19	6	277	0	2				86	19	4
Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	213	13	5	197	19	8	Clothing	1123	3	8	1175	8	5	52	4	9			
							Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. Insurance	50	16	5	150	5	4	99	8	11			
							Sundries	79	18	6	80	19	6	1	1	0			
							Workshops, Repairs, &c.	446	16	3	401	7	9						
							Building Sundries	544	4	7	419	10	9						
							FURNITURE:—General	209	8	11	44	8	1						
							Ironmongery	122	5	0	53	5	1						
							Bedding	36	1	10	11	0	11						
							House Linen	235	8	2	120	17	3						
							Crockery & Sundries	40	0	2	29	1	4						
							Property Expenses	40	0	11	22	14	4	10	4	4			
							Bank Interest, Commission, &c. Farm	12	10	0	22	14	4						
							Grounds and Garden	43	10	2	33	12	9						
							Estate and Buildings Improvement Account	5033	6	0	4544	19	8						
								426	8	10	464	15	2	38	6	4			
								500	0	0	1100	0	0	600	0	0			
NET INCREASE £378 13s. 8d.	24964	8	5	25343	2	1	NET INCREASE £131 9s. 3d.	25125	12	3	25257	1	6	1354	1	9			
Balance at beginning of year.	661	9	11	500	6	1	Balance at end of year	500	6	1	586	6	8						
	25625	18	4	25843	8	2		25625	18	4	25843	8	2						

Examined and certified to be correct.—14th Nov., 1891.
W. G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS,

(Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds ; and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND
PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

										Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
										£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18541	17	11	235	19	6
LIVERPOOL (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10951	17	1	235	6	0
MANCHESTER (3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9905	4	6	506	12	6
BRADFORD (4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9123	0	9	443	4	6
PRESTON (5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9011	4	4	67	3	0
ROCHDALE (6)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6690	0	10	243	17	6
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5316	17	1	336	19	9
HALIFAX (8)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5091	17	11	434	4	9
LEEDS (9)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5124	6	0	192	0	0
WESTMORLAND (10)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4833	11	8	94	10	6
CHESHIRE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4653	19	8	534	6	2
OLDHAM (11)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3136	2	0	22	1	0
SHEFFIELD (12)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3165	8	1	92	19	6
DURHAM (COUNTY)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2887	13	0	448	3	6
YORK (13)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2616	5	1	99	9	6
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &C.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2413	14	1	21	10	6
BOLTON (14)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1831	13	0	34	13	0
BLACKBURN (15)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1361	0	0	24	13	6
SETTLE...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1336	19	11	28	6	6
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1315	1	8	57	12	0
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1309	3	6	49	12	6
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1235	5	11	21	0	0
WAKEFIELD (16)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	973	15	7	8	18	6
BURY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	923	9	4	14	19	6
SOUTHPORT...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	789	2	0	38	12	6
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	783	7	6	7	17	6
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	740	2	6	10	10	0
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	738	11	0	19	19	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	662	7	0	7	12	6
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	517	11	6	33	12	0
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	330	0	0	7	7	0
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	326	18	6	13	13	0
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	12	6	14	3	6
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	262	9	2	17	6	0
DONCASTER...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	161	7	3	15	15	0

June 30th, 1891.

JAMES DIGGENS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; and £1300 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.
- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (3) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq. and £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £625 from Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from the late Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (7) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., (Cleator); and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (8) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; and £768 5s. from Hanson Ormerod, Esq.
- (9) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £525 from the late Mr. Arthur Lupton and Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (10) The Westmorland Donations include £675 from the late W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles Esq.; and £560 10s. from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (11) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000; £500 from Eli Lees, Esq.; and £500 from Charles Edward Lees, Esq.
- (12) The Sheffield Donations include £500 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.
- (13) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (14) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (15) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (16) The Wakefield Donations include £250 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Reports of the Schoolmaster, Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	271	28	102	188	589
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	1	7	6	5	19
2. Make some attempt	4	7	18	31	60
3. Make a few articulate sounds	16	3	16	18	53
4. Speak indistinctly	38	5	26	30	99
5. Speak fairly	93	4	26	41	164
6. Speak well	119	2	10	63	194
					589
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	87	23	59	80	249
2. Know a few letters... ..	67	4	21	48	140
3. Know at sight a few words	11	1	6	16	34
4. Know all the letters	20	0	10	17	47
5. Read easy words and spell them	42	0	5	12	59
6. Read fairly*	44	0	1	15	60
<i>* 86 Patients read books alone for amusement.</i>					589
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	40	24	39	50	153
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate... ..	75	4	49	79	207
3. Do. do. in copy book	28	0	3	17	48
4. Form letters in copybook	22	0	7	20	49
5. Write easy words in copy book	50	0	2	10	62
6. Write fairly*	56	0	2	12	70
<i>*75 Patients write letters home with assistance and 41 without assistance.</i>					589
<i>693 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.</i>					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	48	19	55	66	188
2. Count a little	84	9	21	51	165
3. Count up to 30	25	0	11	24	60
4. Understand value of unit figures	30	0	9	30	69
5. Work simple addition sums	63	0	5	13	81
6. Work easy sums in simple rules*	21	0	1	4	26
<i>*8 Boys work sums in the compound rules.</i>					589

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON.	271	28	102	188	589
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	115	28	76	115	334
2. Know some of the hours	55	0	20	45	120
3. Know all the hours	30	0	0	12	42
4. Know the hours and quarters	18	0	2	10	30
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	10	0	1	3	14
6. Can tell the time to a minute	43	0	3	3	49
VI. SHOP LESSON.					589
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	80	21	77	95	273
2. Know a few coins	71	7	18	63	159
3. Do. do. and weights	36	0	1	16	53
4. Know all the coins and some weights	29	0	2	6	37
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	22	0	1	2	25
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ...	33	0	3	6	42
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					589
1. Know no colours	48	20	62	82	212
2. Know black and white	40	1	13	26	80
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	50	2	12	29	93
4. Know all the simple colours	47	5	8	26	86
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	44	0	5	9	58
6. Know and can match most compound shades	42	0	2	16	60
VIII. MUSIC.					589
1. No interest in musical sounds	2	5	0	0	7
2. Attentive to do. do.	79	13	37	58	187
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	89	9	36	39	173
4. Do. do. with words	99	1	25	88	213
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	1	0	4	3	8
6. Sing from do. do.	1	0	0	0	1
IX. DRILL.					589
1. Have no idea of drill	2	10	16	18	46
2. Stand at attention when told	41	17	31	42	131
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	54	1	17	26	98
4. Go through extension movements fairly	114	0	19	34	167
5. Do. do. do. well, and march	36	0	11	26	73
6. Do. do. do. to music	24	0	8	42	74
					589

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

August 31st, 1891.

TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
I. TAILORING.						
1. Preliminary Work	2	2	1	0	5	14 Tailors.
2. Sewing Linings	0	1	2	0	3	
3. Do. Seams	0	0	2	0	2	
4. Felling	0	0	3	0	3	
5. Making Garments	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Machining	0	0	0	0	0	
II. SHOEMAKING.						
1. Preliminary Work	1	2	2	0	5	14 Shoemakers
2. Stitching Backs	0	1	1	0	2	
3. Closing Sides	0	1	2	1	4	
4. Patching aud Nailing	0	0	1	0	1	
5. Repairing	0	1	1	0	2	
6. Bottoming (making)	0	0	0	0	0	
III. JOINERY.						
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools) ...	2	4	10	2	18	29 Joiners.
2. Planing at Bench	0	1	2	0	3	
3. Making frames	0	0	0	0	0	
4. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	1	1	0	2	
5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.) ...	0	1	1	0	2	
6. Making Furniture	0	1	2	1	4	
IV. GARDENING.						
1. Preliminary work in weeding class ...	15	23	14	7	* 59 (35)	Weed- ing Boys. 10 Gardeners.
2. Barrow filling and emptying	0	0	2	1	3	
3. Weeding amongst crops	0	0	2	0	2	
4. Picking peas, fruits, &c.	0	0	3	0	3	
5. Digging	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Potato setting, &c. (can also dig)... ..	0	0	1	0	1	
V. OUT-DOOR WORK.						
Miscellaneous Work under Labour Master	3	2	5	2	+ 12	

† Others employed during haytime, &c.

* 24 also otherwise employed.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Grades of Work.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
VI. FARMING.						
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c...	...	0	0	0	0	0 1 2 1 2 6 12 Farm Boys.
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.	...	0	1	0	0	
3. Feeding stock	...	0	0	2	0	
4. Weeding amongst crops (Hoe)	...	0	0	0	1	
5. Work with Horses and Carts	...	0	0	1	1	
6. Milking, &c	...	1	2	2	1	
VII. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c.	...	4	10	8	3	25 0 1 0 0 0 26 in Industrial Training Shop.
2. Plaiting Coir	...	0	0	0	0	
3. Mat Making	...	0	0	1	0	
4. Brush Filling	...	0	0	0	0	
5. Palliasse and Mattress Making	...	0	0	0	0	
6. Basket Making	...	0	0	0	0	
VIII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning	...	4	9	10	4	27 4 14 10 1 2 10 3 (1) 69 miscellaneously employed.
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work	...	0	2	0	2	
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c.	...	1	6	5	2	
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy	...	0	2	6	2	
5. Assisting Stoker	...	0	0	1	0	
6. Assisting Plumber	...	0	1	1	0	
7. Assisting Baker	...	0	1	5	4	
8. Employed in Office	...	0	0	*2	1	

* Also otherwise employed.

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations ... 221.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

30 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School (not included in above tabulation); 30 are taught needlework, and 27 do Kindergarten work.

Twelve Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.		No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
1. Preliminary work—Industrial Class ...		8	8	5	0	21 26 32 24 16 119
2. Sweeping, dusting, &c,		7	14	4	1	
3. Bed-making		1	13	10	8	
4. Scrubbing and general house work ...		0	1	10	13	
5. Laundry-work		0	0	9	7	
6. *Sewing and knitting						

*In School 41 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 30 hem, 10 sew fairly and knit, and 16 sew fairly, knit, and do wool-work.

The number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school is 98, and 19 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school, making a total of 119 under Industrial Training.

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

TABLE
Showing condition of Patients discharged during year.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved" {	Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
	Much improved	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	22
	Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	...	14	9	23
	Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	...	12	4	16
	Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
							42	26	68

TABLE
Showing ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum,
and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks
included in the Medical Superintendent's General Report.

AGES On 1st January, 1891.		NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	...	32	17	49	1	2	3
10 „ 15 „	...	189	89	278	1	2	3
15 „ 20 „	...	132	71	203	5	4	9
20 and upwards	...	100	48	148	3	3	6
		453	225	678	10	11	21

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	217	...	Aprons	150	721
Overcoats	1	...	Chemises	12	2704
Trousers	458	...	Collars ... ..	...	1606
Vests	217	...	Combinations	3	...
Combinations	12	...	Drawers	78	2738
	905	...	Dresses	25	3931
TAILORESSES.			Feeders	12	900
Coats	32	3814	Flannel Petticoats	26	2226
Overcoats ... ..	...	360	Flannel Vests	31	2835
Trousers	89	9669	Hoods	23	359
Vests	33	2234	Nightdresses... ..	4	3444
Combinations ... ..	...	101	Pinafores	167	4733
	154	16178	Shirts	12	1629
SHOEMAKERS.			Skirts	29	519
Boots (pairs)	728	2410	Stays	2	24
UPHOLSTERERS.			Ulster ... ..	...	6
Baskets ... ..	...	59		574	28375
Bolsters ... ..	...	278	LINEN ROOM.		
Mats ... ..	...	...	Bolster Slips... ..	167	779
Mattresses... ..	9	410	Blankets... ..	...	954
Palliassees ... ..	...	7	Blinds ... ..	...	21
Wool Beds ... ..	...	11	Counterpanes	43	429
	9	765	Pillow Slips	131	1071
BOYS' WARDROBE.			Rugs ... ..	...	58
Aprons ... ..	...	1206	Sheets	612	1952
Caps ... ..	...	120	Table Cloths... ..	39	433
Collars ... ..	...	3203	Toilet Covers	7	43
Drawers ... ..	...	4266	Tea Cloths	152	143
Flannel Vests ... ..	...	2969	Towels	260	194
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	709		1411	6077
Nightshirts ... ..	...	2652	PLUMBERS.		
Shirts ... ..	...	6543	All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
Socks and Stockings ... ..	...	6515	CARPENTERS.		
Jerseys ... ..	...	24	All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
	...	28207	PAINTER.		
GIRLS' SCHOOL.			Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
Aprons	14	...	LAUNDRY.		
Chemises	22	...	Number of Pieces Washed :—		
Drawers	4	...	Sheets	44,180	
Feeders	90	...	Pinafores	26,986	
Petticoats	10	...	Nightshirts	29,719	
Pinafores	124	...	Nightdresses	31,187	
Shirts	4	...	Other Articles	422,254	
	268	...		554,326	

JAMES DIGGENS, SECRETARY.

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

THE RIGHT HON. JOHN T. HIBBERT,

(CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE),

At the General Annual Meeting at Sheffield, October 10th, 1890.

Speech of the
Right Hon
J. T. Hibbert.

“It had been a great thing that, in the course of the quarter of a century’s life of the Institution, the people of the Seven Northern Counties had got to understand the difference between idiocy and insanity. In the earlier years of the history of the Institution that difference was not understood. It was said, “You have your lunatic asylums, and they are carried on satisfactorily at the expense of the rates; send your imbeciles there.” It was not recognised, what was really the fact, that the lunatic asylum was the very worst place an idiot could be sent to. (Hear, hear). And if they wished to find a place almost equally bad, that place was the workhouse. And yet it was also true that in large districts of the country, even if the cry to send idiots to these places was attempted to be complied with, neither the asylums nor the workhouses provided sufficient accommodation to cope with the wants of the unfortunate imbecile class. At the last census it was found there were in England and Wales about 9,000 idiots and imbeciles above the age of five and under the age of twenty years; but the Census Commissioners said that these returns were not to be trusted, inasmuch as people were naturally averse and ashamed to return any of their children as idiots upon the census paper, and the Commissioners estimated, therefore, that there ought to have been about 18,000 persons returned as idiots and imbeciles. Whether that was so or not, no one, of course, was able precisely to say; but if they took the actual figures of the census they found that in 1881 there were 2,422 young imbecile and idiotic persons in these seven northern counties between the ages of five years and twenty; and if they took the estimate of the Census Commissioners, they would have to reckon double that number. The provision made for the idiot class all over the kingdom was like a drop in the ocean. The whole of the provision made in England and Wales was

for 2,700. Where did the rest of the 18,000 imbeciles go? Unfortunately they went in very many cases either to the lunatic asylum or to the workhouse. He was very glad to hear Mr. Lawrence suggest that the time was coming when better provision would have to be made for this unfortunate class of people, and he believed himself that the Christian feeling of England was becoming so strong in regard to it that before long the people would demand that adequate provision should be made for this neglected class. Anyone who had visited a workhouse would have seen for himself the unfortunate position of idiots placed there. For himself he should like to see the new County Councils, and especially those in the seven northern counties, take up this question of providing effectually and properly for the pauper imbecile class. Some 120 pauper imbeciles were in the Royal Albert Asylum and paid for by the Guardians of the Poor of their Unions. In Lancashire there were something like 3,700 imbeciles, but of course all these were not children. Of the number, perhaps there would be between 1,500 and 2,000 between the ages of five and twenty years, and he should like to see the County of Lancashire provide for all these in an institution or in institutions erected for the purpose, putting the improvable cases on one side and the permanent cases on the other. Then Yorkshire, with its 2,900 idiots of all ages—not so large a number as Lancashire—might unite its different Divisions to provide for the weak-minded in the same way. The four other northern counties—Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, and Westmorland—might combine together to do the same good work, while Cheshire might provide for itself. That was a question for the future, but he thought it was a question they would see would make great progress before many years were over. America had set a great example in dealing with its feeble-minded. There were eighteen institutions for the care of the feeble-minded in the United States. Many of these had been in operation for forty years, others had been at work not much more than half that time and the State provided the funds for carrying them on.”

EDWARD LAWRENCE, ESQ.,

(VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE),

At the General Annual Meeting at Sheffield, October 10th, 1890.

“He should like to impress upon the people of Sheffield and of the northern counties generally, that the Royal Albert was eminently an educational institution. This was becoming more clearly understood, but he thought they were bound to reiterate it and press it again and again upon public attention. It was an educational establishment, and education was what was mainly required for idiots. He was glad to think that we were only as yet upon the fringe of the work that was to be done for the idiot and imbecile. In America much more had been done and was being done than

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Mr. E. Lawrence

in this country, and greater attention had been paid to the matter there than had been the case in England. In America, he might say, they did not talk about "idiots." "Idiot" was a very unpleasant word—(hear, hear)—and associated with unpleasant ideas. In America they spoke of the "feeble-minded" and not of idiots. These unfortunate people were weak-minded, and their weak-mindedness arose from various causes, and it was often associated with physical weakness. In the case of the weak-minded, if proper training was employed, it was possible to produce greater strength and capacity of mind just as it was possible by right means to produce greater physical strength and capacity. This was the work that had to be taken up by the asylums of this country, and, as he had said, the work was really only at its beginning. He could not help thinking that in the future there would have to be a more thorough classification of the patients in these institutions; for he believed that if the patients could be classified and dealt with according to their varying capabilities, a great deal more might be done in the way of advancing their education, more especially those of the better class. He believed also that the time was coming when there would be institutions established for taking special charge of those among the feeble-minded who were permanently debarred from any great improvement. The State had done a great deal educationally in promoting the interests of the children of this country, and he could not see why the State should not do a good deal also in regard to the education and care of children of this particular class. (Hear, hear). The time would come, he thought, when it would be recognised that this was the duty of the State."

THE LORD BISHOP OF CARLISLE,

(Dr. HARVEY GOODWIN),

President at the Election Meeting, held at Kendal,

April 3rd, 1891.

Speech of the
Bishop of
Carlisle.

"The first point I have to speak of is one that is so plain, so manifest, so undeniable, and which has been impressed upon common attention so frequently by others as well as by myself, that I feel almost ashamed to say another word about it. And yet I know, from conversations with persons in general, that there is still a misunderstanding on the subject, and it is so absolutely essential that there should be no misunderstanding upon it, that I venture to say a few words upon this matter. The point to which I refer is this: there is a frequent confusion of what are called "lunatics" with those who are called "imbeciles" or "idiots." It is a most unfortunate confusion, and it gives rise to a great deal of misunderstanding. In point of fact there is as little connection between those two classes of persons as there can possibly be. Perhaps the misunderstanding arises a good deal from the language by which these two classes are described. We describe a lunatic by a word which implies a long-forgotten or almost forgotten delusion. The word "lunatic," as you know, is of Latin origin, and

expresses some effect of, or some association with, the moon. A lunatic was considered to be a moonstruck man, and the word preserves the old notion that madness has something to do with the phases of the moon. Well, I need not tell you that the moon has nothing to do with it. (Laughter). And a lunatic may be described by a much shorter and more correct word, namely, that the man is mad. On the other hand, there is a misunderstanding almost equally pronounced and much more unfortunate with reference to idiots. The word "idiot" is a Greek word, which in its primary significance had nothing whatever to do with describing the condition of a man's mind. The word meant a private person, and is so used by Greek authors; and how it came to be used as it is now I won't discuss on this occasion. Again, if you call these "imbeciles," it is not altogether a bad word, but it is not an English word. It is a French word; and it does not convey so very readily to the mind what is actually intended to be expressed. There is a better word, and one which seems to me to be very touching, and which I wish was in general use in England. Not long ago I had placed in my hands, through the kindness of our friend Mr. Diggins, a report of an American institution somewhat similar to that at Lancaster, which we are supporting to-day. On the outside sheet of the report that institution was not described as an "Asylum for Idiots," but it was spoken of as a place for the education and care of "feeble-minded children." (Hear, hear). Now, if we could adopt that word—if we could speak of persons as feeble-minded—then the suggestion would be made at once to us that those we are dealing with are our brethren and sisters who are not materially, not essentially, not markedly different from ourselves, but who, in God's providence, are not endowed with such strong mental powers as it may be hoped that all of you present here to-day possess. For, after all, when you speak of the feeble-minded, whose mind is not feeble? How many people are there in this world whose minds could be described by a word that would exclude all weakness and feebleness? (Hear, hear). I do not say there is not a terrible gap between these poor creatures and you who are here to-day. But I do say this, and I am certain that everyone acquainted with the subject will say, that the power of the human mind does shade off in a most remarkably gradual way, and there are persons who require special treatment, and who receive that treatment in institutions such as the Royal Albert Asylum, who are not essentially different but different in degree from more highly endowed persons among ourselves who pass for sane and not for imbecile people. (Hear). Now then, let us fix our minds on these two things—there is the madman whom you call a lunatic, and there is the feeble-minded child that you call idiot or imbecile. If you keep that nomenclature in your minds, and examine into the matter of dealing with idiots and lunatics in the same way you see at once that the whole thing is an absurdity and a mistake. We have to deal with feeble-minded children. That is our business. The distinction I have made just now seems to me to answer the question—why are these asylums, such as the Royal Albert Asylum at Lancaster, dependent upon charity, and why should such asylums as the Garlands Lunatic Asylum be charged upon the ratepayers? For this simple reason: the

madman is a danger and a menace to the whole of his neighbourhood, and he must be removed out of the sphere of ordinary society; he must be put under restraint. It is not education you want in his case. It is very little you can do in that way in such an asylum as Garlands. All that you can do is to make a life that has become more or less terrible not so inhuman as otherwise it would be. That is the problem to be solved in a lunatic asylum. But let anybody go down to the Royal Albert Asylum and look over the different operations that are going on in that building, as I have done more than once, and see what is being done there. You will see that it is as really a school, and a school as much for the education of young people, as any National or Board School in the country. That is the work the Asylum has to do; and that work must be dependent, to a large extent, if not to the whole extent, upon the charity of persons such as yourselves. If you see a poor family in which there are one or two imbecile children, you may say, "What is that to me? Let the parents attend to these children—they are responsible for them." Aye, but it is a dreadful weight to fall upon the shoulders of any man or woman, being in a state of poverty in a small cottage, to have one or two members of a family afflicted in the way I have been describing. Therefore an appeal is to be made; and that appeal goes straight to every Christian heart, and most strongly to those who have means, to give of their superfluity to help their poor afflicted brethren. Another point. I have to ask you to keep it in your minds, as clearly as you can possibly do, that this condition of feeble-mindedness or imbecility is a condition which can be enormously improved and assisted by regular cultivation and education." If you have any doubt about this I should like you to go to the Asylum at Lancaster, which from Kendal is but a very short distance—make up a party as I did some years ago, and have a special carriage put on a train which will bring you back again in the evening—and you would find it was an afternoon exceedingly well spent. You would see what can be done with those afflicted persons. If you cannot do that you can go to the end of this room at the close of this meeting, and you will see two or three tables spread out with various works upon them which have been actually done by these poor imbeciles. I looked at the collection before the meeting began, and I was very much struck with the articles exhibited there. There is a fret-work box, which has been really beautifully made. I do not say that the boy who made it could have done it all by himself—I do not know; it may have been merely the work of a copyist, but at least it is a wonderful thing that he should have been able even to copy it. I do not believe there are half a dozen persons in this room who could have done it. The use of the hand which is indicated by the skill with which these works have been accomplished suggests to me to call your attention to what is a very striking fact—namely, that there is a very close connection between the physical powers of these afflicted persons and their mental condition.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.



- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (the late), at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Dean of Llandaff, and Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Lord Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; also at St. Paul's Church, Scotforth, Rev. W. Armitage, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell, the late, (Chichester), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache, (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. H. Barnacle, Parish Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.
- Rev. P. Bartlett, Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, near Leeds.
- Rev. W. Mardon Beeby, Burngreave Congregational Church, Pitsmoor, Sheffield.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellet, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, (London), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. R. T. Bradbury, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell, Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-Cave, Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.
- Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. W. E. Chapman, (Brighton), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. A. Christopherson, (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
- Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. M. W. B. Dawe, M.A., (Walkington, Beverley), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. E. Dothie (Greenock), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw (the late), at the Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Eden (the late), Aberford Church, South Milford.
- Rev. J. Fleming (the late), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

- Rev. Dr. Flood, (the late), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. G. Morham Vicar.
- Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Lionel Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
- Rev. E. Green (the late), All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, (the late), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. J. Hammersley, Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.
- Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
- Rev. S. Hastings, Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe; also at Worsley Church, Manchester, the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby, Vicar; and at the Parish Church, Lancaster; the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.
- Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
- Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
- Rev. Thompson Hesk, (Chertsey), Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. Rowley Hill, (the late Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man) Parish Church, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.
- Rev. C. F. D. Hodge, Parish Church, Esh, Durham.
- Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
- Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
- Rev. Canon Hornby (the late), St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. Canon Hoskins, at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth; Rev. E. Green, (the late), Vicar.
- Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. C. H. Joberns, (West Bromwich), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
- Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
- Rev. Wm. C. Kewish, (Lancaster), Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge, Manchester.
- Rev. P. C. Kidd (the late), Parish Church, Skipton.
- Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. J. T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Bedford-Leigh, Manchester.
- Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- The Very Rev. W. Lefroy, D.D., Dean of Norwich, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., (the late), and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.
- Rev. Canon Maclure, (now Dean of Manchester), Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves, Burnley.
- Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
- Rev. E. F. Manby (the late), Morecambe Church.
- Rev. R. W. Marriott, (Newark), Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
- Rev. Robert Martin, D.D., Irlam Church, near Manchester.
- Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.
- Rev. W. W. Mote (Henham, Essex), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., (the late), South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
- Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.

- Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
 Rev. John Owen (the late), Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. J. L. Pain, St. John's Church, Silverdale ; also at Warton Church, Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.
 Rev. T. H. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
 Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
 Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.
 Rev. F. E. Perrin (the late), Ribchester.
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. W. E. Pryke, at the Parish Church, Lancaster,—Rev. Canon Allen, D.D. Vicar ; at Warton Church and Priest Hutton Licensed Room, Rev. T. H. Pain, Rector of Warton.
 Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. T. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. C. O. L. Riley, (Preston), Parish Church, Lancaster ; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D. Vicar.
 Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
 Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. C. T. Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.
 Rev. R. N. Sharpe, St. Mary's Church, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
 Rev. W. Shilleto (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.
 Rev. J. Simpson (the late), Kirkby Stephen, at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale ; the Rev. Canon Ware (now Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness), Vicar.
 Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.
 Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. W. Smith, Shadwell Church, Leeds.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Manchester.
 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
 Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creeser, St. John Baptist's Church, Tue Brook, Liverpool ; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.
 Rev. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.
 Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
 Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. (Manchester), at High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. T. B. Tylecote, Lowther Church, Penrith.
 Rev. C. C. Tyte (the late), Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
 Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. E. White (the late), Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
 Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
 Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.
 Rev. P. J. Woodcock, St. Paul's Church, Chester.
 Rev. A. Woods, at Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands ; Rev. J. Hammersley, Vicar.
 Rev. John Wordsworth, Gosforth Church, Gosforth.
 Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

- Winmarleigh, The Right Hon. Lord, £4 for Christmas Tree.
 A Friend, Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Ackernley, M., Skipton, Magazines.
 Ainley, Mrs., Selby, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 A Lady Friend, Liverpool, £2 2s for Christmas Tree.
 Allen, Mrs., Hillside, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Anonymous, A Double Oxy-hydrogen Magic Lantern for the Winmarleigh Recreation Hall.
 Anonymous, Articles for Property Room.
 Arensberg, Mrs., Bradford, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Argles, T. A., Eversley, Milnthorpe, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Argles, Mrs., Eversley, Milnthorpe, 12 Framed Coloured Pictures.
 Ashworth, T. A., Burnley, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Bagnall & Wilcock, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster, 100 Sweet Bags for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Wm., Dalton Square, Lancaster, Parcel of "Graphics."
 Barrow, Mrs. Wm., Dalton Square, Lancaster, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree,
 Barrow, Miss, Westbourne Terrace, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bell, Thomas, Lancaster, Ornamental Type for amateur printing ; Picture Books and large quantity of Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Blades, Alderman Charles, (Mayor of Lancaster), £5 for Staff Library.
 Blades, Mrs., (Mayoress of Lancaster), Parkfield, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Bond, Miss, Oak Bank, Lancaster, Dolls, for Christmas Tree.
 Brash, Mrs., Dalton Square, Lancaster, a dozen Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.
 Brocklebank, Sir Thomas, Bart. Liverpool, £3 for Christmas Tree.
 Brown, Stewart H., Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Browne, G. Buckston, Preston, £10 for Staff Library ; Christmas Cards and 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Cable, Joshua, Middleton, Manchester, 7s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Capstick, Mrs., Stonewell, Lancaster, Dolls and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Christian, Mrs., Manchester, 2s. for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, Dolls and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Cottam, Mrs., Market Street, Lancaster, Chinese Lanterns for Christmas Tree.
 Cox, Mrs., Henry, Southampton, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Craven, Joseph, M. P., Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Crossley, Mrs., Falling Royd, Hebden Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Dawson, E. Howard, Aldcliffe Hall, Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Dicksons, Messrs. Limited, Chester, 7,200 Bulbs of various kinds.
 Dickson, Mrs., Shotley Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Diggins, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Edwards, Mrs., Liverpool, £1 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Ellison, E., Blackburn, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Foster, Colonel, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, £5 for Christmas Tree.
 Foster, Mrs., Hornby Castle, Lancaster, Large Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Greg, Albert, Caton, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Greenwood, Mrs., Bolton-le-Moors, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hadwen, Mrs., Ashfield, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Hair, Miss, a Piano for the Rodgett Infirmary.
 Hall, W., Market Street, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Handley, H. J., Chester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Happold, F., Penny Street, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Harris, Mrs. S. J., Halton Park, Lancaster, Christmas Cards and £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Harrison, Frederic J., Liverpool, £5 for Staff Library.

- Hartley, Mrs., Holm Garth, Morecambe, Knitted Woollen Articles and 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Hays, Miss, Durham, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Heawood, C., Stockport, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Heywood, Arthur H., Windermere, £5 for Staff Library and £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Heywood, Mrs. A. H., Windermere. 27 Volumes of Books for Staff Library.
- Hibbert, Right Hon. John T., Grange-over-Sands, £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Higgin, W. H., Q.C., and Mrs. Higgin, Cloverley House, Timperley, Case of Oranges, Barrel of Apples, Toys, Dolls, Picture Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hinde, Mrs., Bolton-le-Moors, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Holme, Mrs., Town View, Kendal, Woollen Articles, Workbags, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Hornby, E. G. S., Dalton Hall, Westmorland, £2 for Christmas Tree.
- Howarth, Miss, Burnley, Christmas Letters and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
- Hunter, Mrs., Barrow, 2s. for Christmas Tree.
- Hurst, Mrs., Spring Hill, Rochdale, Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Jeeves, Mrs., Malvern, Mounted Pictures and £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Johnson, E., Market Street, Lancaster, a "Royal Mail Cart" for Christmas Tree.
- Kelsall, Joseph, Scotforth, Lancaster, 120 Gooseberry Bushes.
- Lancaster and Skerton Co-operative Society, Lancaster, Case of Oranges, Nuts, and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Lonsdale, Alfred Livesey, Blackburn, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Lupton, Mrs., Halifax, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Macdonald, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- McAdam, John, Heaton Moor, Stockport, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- McRaith, Messrs., Lancaster, Two Dresses for Entertainments.
- Manners, Mrs., Cheapside, Lancaster, Bon-bons, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Marsden, Mrs., Winster, Windermere, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Marshall, Miss Maud, and Master A. Marshall, Balls, Woollen Cuffs, and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Marshall, Mrs., Elmhurst, Lancaster, Parcel of Illustrated Papers.
- Masheter, Mrs., Preston, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Massie, Rev. E., Nutwood, Grange-over-Sands, Parcel of Christmas Cards.
- Milner, Messrs. E. & J. L., Lancaster, Books, Cards, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Mitton, Mrs., Sherburn, Durham, Toys and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Nelstrop, Mrs., Ackworth, Pontefract, Dolls and Everlasting Flowers for Christmas Tree.
- Newsome, Mrs., Bardsey, Wetherby, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Nickson, Mrs., Talbot Hotel, Blackpool, Two Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Page, Mrs., Lunecliffe, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Paget, Miss, Greenfield, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Paley, E. G., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Parks, Mrs., Everton, Liverpool, 12s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Peak, Mrs. H. M., Liverpool, Two "Doris" Safety Belts.
- Pears, Messrs., London, Picture "Bubbles."
- Perry, Miss, Birmingham, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, The "Graphic" for 1890, &c.
- Radley, Mrs., Morecambe, £1 for Christmas Tree.
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 Shaw, Thomas, Gomersal, 2s 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Shuttleworth, Miss and Master, Lancaster, Dolls and Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Sherson, The Misses, Greenfield, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Simpson, Matthew, Lancaster, Illustrated Christmas Papers.
 Slater, J. G., Bradford, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Slinger, Miss, White Cross Cottage, Lancaster, Dolls and Woollen Articles for Christmas Tree.
 Slinger, Jonathan, Lancaster, a Photographic Camera.
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 Smith, Mrs. Thomas, Dublin, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Starkie, Mrs. Chamberlain, Ashton Hall, Lancaster, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Starling, Mrs., Briggate, Leeds, Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Stevenson, Mrs., Ashby-de-la-Zouch, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Stewart, Mrs., Laurel Bank, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Stewart, R., Stockport, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Storey, Sir Thomas, Westfield House, Lancaster, £5 for Staff Library.
 Storey, Lady, Westfield House, Lancaster, Costumes for Entertainments; a large case of Toys for Christmas Tree, also large quantity of Illustrated Papers, &c.
 Storey, Edward, Crosslands, Lancaster, 9 Volumes of Books for Staff Library.
 Storey, Mrs. Edward, Crosslands, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
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 Welch, H. (the late), Shefferlands, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Wichern, Miss, Manchester, 2s. for Christmas Tree.
 Wigley, J. M., Lancaster, Picture Books, Games, Portrait Frames, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Wilcox, Captain, Liscard, Cheshire, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
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 Wrigley, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses, Holbeck, Windermere, Dolls, Pictures, Scrap Books, Toys, Christmas Cards, 6 large-mounted Pictures, &c., for Christmas Tree.

CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders Schedules at the Census of 1881 :—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
16,105.	16,612.	32,717.

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
LANCASHIRE	1911	1798	3709
YORKSHIRE	1414	1489	2903
DURHAM	292	322	614
CHESHIRE... ..	376	382	758
NORTHUMBERLAND	258	228	486
CUMBERLAND... ..	106	103	209
WESTMORLAND	40	45	85
Total of the District	4397	4367	8764

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for various reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Householders' Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that at the Census of 1871 the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent. of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20, returned in the Seven Northern Counties at the Census of 1881 was 2422. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1881):—

Name.	Population	Idiots and Imbeciles.	Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile.	Idiots & Imbeciles per 20,000 persons.
ENGLAND AND WALES	25,974,439	32717	794	25·2
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	8,627,156	8764	984	20·3
LANCASHIRE	3,485,819	3709	940	21·2
YORKSHIRE	2,894,759	2903	997	20·0
DURHAM... ..	875,166	614	1425	14·0
CHESHIRE	622,365	758	821	24·3
NORTHUMBERLAND	434,086	486	893	22·4
CUMBERLAND	250,647	209	1199	16·7
WESTMORLAND	64,314	85	757	26·4

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties.

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Accrington...	1	Newton-le-Willows ...	1
Ashton-in-Makerfield ...	1	Oldham ...	22
Barrow-in-Furness ...	2	Ormskirk ...	1
Bedford-Leigh ...	7	Oswaldtwistle ...	1
Bolton-le-Moors ...	14	Patricroft, Manchester ...	1
Blackburn ...	6	Pemberton, Wigan ...	1
Blackpool ...	1	Prescot, Liverpool ...	4
Blundell Sands, Liverpool ...	1	Preston ...	12
Burnley ...	8	Quernmore, Lancaster ...	1
Bury ...	4	Reddish Green ...	1
Clitheroe ...	1	Radcliffe ...	2
Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors...	3	Ribchester, Preston ...	1
Fazackerley, Liverpool...	1	Rochdale ...	6
Garstang ...	2	Royton, Oldham ...	1
Garston, Liverpool ...	1	Seaforth, Liverpool...	1
Grange-over-Sands ...	1	St. Helens...	5
Harwood, Bolton-le-Moors ...	1	Southport ...	5
Heaton Norris ...	1	Stalybridge ...	3
Hornby ...	1	Todmorden, Rochdale ...	1
Lancaster ...	8	Ulverston ...	1
Liverpool ...	56	Warrington ...	2
Longridge, Preston...	2	Werneth, Oldham ...	1
Manchester and Salford...	62	Widnes ...	2
Middleton, Manchester ...	2	Wigan...	4
Nelson, Burnley ...	2		
Newchurch, Warrington ...	1		270

CHESHIRE.

Alderley Edge ...	1	Macclesfield ...	4
Alsager ...	1	Marbury ...	1
Altrincham ...	1	Mickle Trafford ...	1
Birkenhead ...	6	Mobberley... ..	1
Bunbury ...	1	Northwich... ..	2
Chester ...	17	Sale ...	2
Crewe ...	1	Seacombe ...	2
Disley ...	1	Siddington... ..	1
Dukinfield ...	1	Stalybridge ...	1
Higher Kinnerton ...	1	Stockport ...	2
Hyde ...	1	West Kirby ...	1
Knutsford ...	2		
Liscard ...	1		54
Lymm... ..	1		

YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Addingham, Skipton	1	Liversedge	1
Baildon, Bradford	1	Marske-by-the-Sea	1
Barnoldswick, Skipton	1	Middlesbrough	1
Barnsley	3	Middleton, Leeds	1
Bedale	1	Mirfield	2
Bentham	1	Newlay, Leeds... ..	1
Bingley, Bradford	1	Normanton	1
Boroughbridge	1	Otley	1
Bowes... ..	1	Owston, Doncaster	1
Bradford	12	Pickering	1
Brighouse, Halifax	4	Pudsey	1
Burley-in-Wharfedale, Bradford	1	Queensbury, Bradford	1
Conisborough	2	Rastrick, Halifax	2
Dewsbury	3	Redcar	1
Doncaster	2	Richmond	1
Easingwold	1	Ripponden, Halifax	1
East Keswick, Leeds	1	Rodley, Leeds	1
Farnley, Leeds... ..	1	Rossington, Doncaster	1
Farsley, Leeds... ..	1	Rotherham	4
Gomersal, Leeds	1	Saltaire, Bradford	1
Goole	5	Scarborough	2
Guisborough	1	Scissett, Huddersfield	1
Halifax	8	Selby	1
Harrogate	1	Shadwell, Leeds	1
Hebden Bridge, Halifax... ..	1	Sheffield	8
Heptonstall, Halifax	1	Shipley, Bradford	2
Hessle, Hull	1	Skipton	2
Heworth, York... ..	1	Snaith, Selby	2
Huddersfield	6	Sowerby Bridge, Halifax	1
Hull	5	Wakefield	2
Keighley	4	Wilberfoss, York	1
Knaresbro'	1	York	11
Leeds	30		
Lightcliffe, Halifax	1		
			165

DURHAM.

Barnard Castle... ..	1	Heighington	1
Bishop Auckland	1	Hunstanworth	1
Blackhill	1	New Shildon	2
Coxhoe	1	Seaham Harbour	1
Crook	1	Sedgefield	1
Croxdale	1	South Shields	3
Darlington... ..	6	Stockton	3
Durham	5	Sunderland	5
Easington	2	West Hartlepool	2
Esh, Durham	1	Whickham... ..	1
Felling... ..	1	Wingate	1
Gateshead	6		
Hartlepool... ..	2		
Haswell	1		51

CUMBERLAND.

Aspatria	1	Moor Row	1
Carlisle	7	Silloth... ..	1
Castle Carrock... ..	1	Stapleton	1
Cockermouth	2	Wigton	2
Holm Rook	1		
Irthington	1		18

NORTHUMBERLAND.

	No.		No.
Alnwick	2	Tynemouth	1
Berwick	2	Wooler	1
Cramlington	1	Whitfield	1
Morpeth	1		
Newcastle-on-Tyne...	6		
North Shields	5		20

WESTMORLAND.

Ambleside	2	Whale Lowther	1
Arnside	1	Winster, Windermere	1
Kendal	2		7

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	270
YORKSHIRE	165
CHESHIRE... ..	54
DURHAM	51
NORTHUMBERLAND	20
CUMBERLAND... ..	18
WESTMORLAND	7
	<u>585</u>
OTHER COUNTIES	4
TOTAL... ..	<u>589</u>

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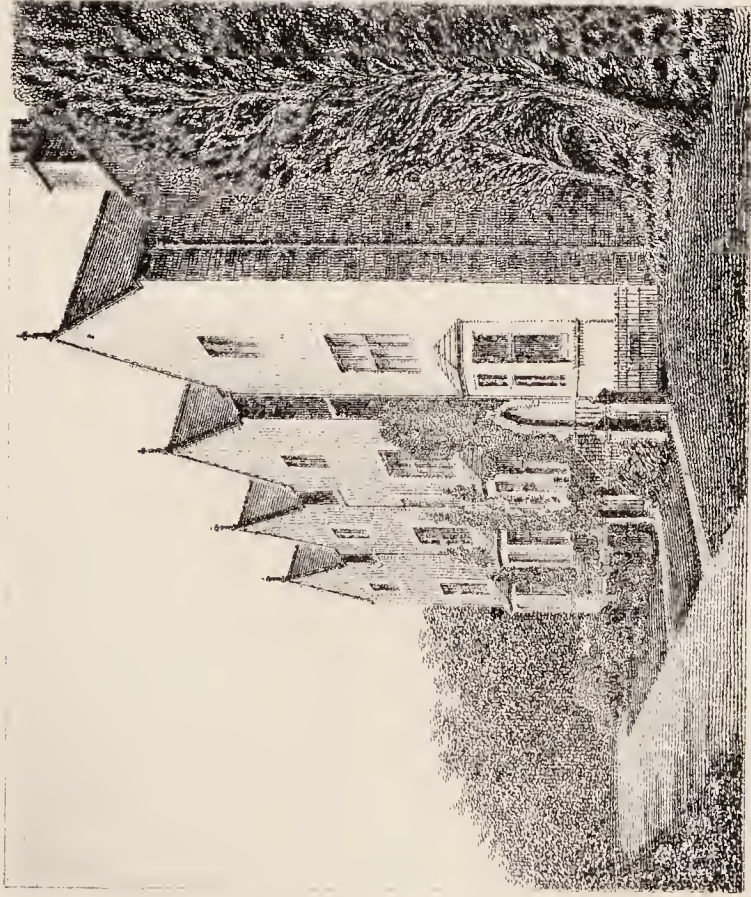
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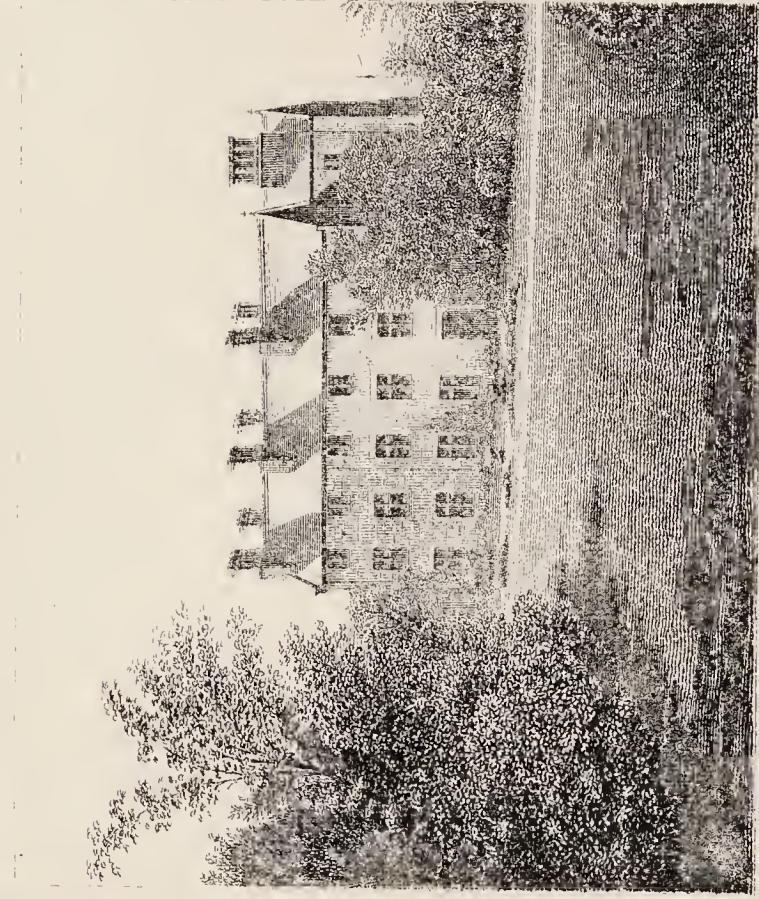
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